

invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 57  
[House Bill No. 1388]  
PERISHABLE PACKAGED FOOD GOODS

AN ACT Relating to food; amending section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 69.04.900; amending section 2, chapter 112, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 69.04.905; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 69.04.900 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of RCW 69.04.900 through 69.04.920:

(1) "Perishable packaged food goods" means and includes all foods and beverages, except alcoholic beverages, frozen foods, fresh meat, poultry and fish and a raw agricultural commodity as defined in this chapter, intended for human consumption which are canned, bottled, or packaged other than at the time and point of retail sale, which have a high risk of spoilage within a period of thirty days, and as determined by the director of the department of agriculture by rule and regulation to be perishable.

(2) "Pull date" means the latest date a packaged food product shall be offered for sale to the public.

(3) "Shelf life" means the length of time during which a packaged food product will retain its safe consumption quality if stored under proper temperature conditions.

(4) "Fish" as used in subsection (1) of this section shall mean any water breathing animals, including, but not limited to, shellfish such as lobster, clams, crab, or other mollusca which are prepared, processed, sold, or intended or offered for sale.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 112, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 69.04.905 are each amended to read as follows:

All perishable packaged food goods with a projected shelf life of thirty days or less, which are offered for sale to the public after January 1, 1974 shall state on the package the pull date. The pull date must be stated in day, and month and be in a style and format that is readily decipherable by consumers; PROVIDED, That the director of the department of agriculture may exclude the monthly

requirement on the pull date for perishable packaged food goods which have a shelf life of seven days or less. No perishable packaged food goods shall be offered for sale after the pull date, except as provided in RCW 69.04.910.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 58  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2572]  
SEWER DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to sewer districts; amending section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.04.020; amending section 10, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.08.010; amending section 22, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as amended by section 11, chapter 103, Laws of 1959 and RCW 56.16.090; amending section 27, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 40, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.020; amending section 28, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 9, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.20.030; and adding a new section to chapter 56.20 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 1, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Sewer districts for the acquirement, construction, maintenance, operation, development, reorganization, and regulation of a system of sewers, including treatment and disposal plants and all necessary appurtenances and providing for additions and betterments thereto, are hereby authorized to be established or reorganized in the various counties of this state. A system of sewers means and includes: Sanitary sewage disposal sewers, combined sanitary sewage disposal and storm or surface water sewers, storm or surface water sewers, outfalls for storm or sanitary sewage, and works, plants, and facilities for sanitary sewage treatment and disposal, or any combination of or part of any or all of such