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**ORGANIZATION; GENERAL
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561.010 Department created; director, appointment and term. There is created a department of the government of this state to be known as the State Department of Agriculture, in this chapter called the department. The department shall be conducted under the control of an executive officer to be known as the Director of Agriculture, in this chapter called the director. The director shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve during the pleasure of the Governor.

561.020 Continuance of department; responsibility as to inspectional, regulatory and statistical work. (1) All acts and functions undertaken under any of the laws with the enforcement of which the department is charged shall be carried out, as nearly as possible, to the same extent and purpose as such acts and functions were originally undertaken or commenced by the department, as originally created by chapter 136, Oregon Laws 1931, its officers, agents and employees.

(2) The department shall have full responsibility and authority for all the inspectional, regulatory and statistical work provided for under the provisions of all statutes which the department is empowered and directed to enforce.

561.030 Seal of department; offices; branch offices. The department shall adopt an official seal. It shall maintain its principal office in the State Capitol at Salem. After consultation with the State Board of Agriculture, and with the consent of the Governor, the director may establish such branch offices as shall promote the more economical and efficient performance of the functions of the department.

561.040 Divisions of department. For the purpose of administration the director shall organize the work of the department under six divisions:

- (1) Administration.
- (2) Plant industry.
- (3) Animal industry.
- (4) Foods and dairies.
- (5) Market enforcement, weights and measures.
- (6) Grain inspection.

561.050 Division chiefs; appointment and term. Over each division there shall be

an officer to be designated the chief of his division. The director shall be ex officio chief of the division of administration. Subject to any applicable provisions of the State Civil Service Law, the chiefs of the other divisions shall be appointed by the director with the consent of the Governor and shall hold office at the pleasure of the director.

561.060 Salaries and bonds of department employees. (1) The director shall execute bonds to the State of Oregon in the penal sum of \$20,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties.

(2) Subject to any applicable provisions of the State Civil Service Law, the chiefs of divisions and other employees of the department shall receive such salaries and wages as the director, with the approval of the Governor, determines. The chiefs of divisions and other employees of the department shall execute bonds to the state, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as the director, with the approval of the Governor, determines.

561.070 Assistants and employees; appointment and duties. The director may employ veterinarians, chemists, bacteriologists and other experts, inspectors, accountants, stenographers, clerks or other help necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department. The director may assign duties and responsibilities to each officer and employee of the department.

561.080 Activities of Oregon State College. Oregon State College shall have full authority and responsibility:

(1) For resident instruction in all branches of agriculture.

(2) For research and experimentation in all branches and phases of agriculture as set forth in federal and state laws creating, maintaining and defining the work of the agricultural experiment stations.

(3) For educational and demonstrational work in all branches and phases of agriculture under authority of all federal and state laws creating, maintaining and defining the work of the Agricultural Extension Service.

(4) For collection and dissemination of statistical information bearing upon crop and market conditions and trends of agricultural production, including agricultural outlook reports and market news reports.

(5) To conduct educational work in the field of marketing, which includes information, advice and assistance relative to organizing and operating cooperative associations and marketing agencies, in accordance with the division of functions set forth in this chapter.

561.090 Cooperation with Oregon State College. (1) In order to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort and expense, there shall be the fullest cooperation between Oregon State College and the department, including the interchange of statistical information between the college and the department.

(2) If, in the interest of economy and efficiency, either temporary or permanent, it appears advisable to have any of the laboratory or statistical work of the department performed by Oregon State College, the director and the director of the experiment station shall work out a cooperative plan of operation and shall agree upon such a division of the funds available for such work as may meet with the approval of the Governor and the State Board of Higher Education.

561.100 Conferences to coordinate work. The director, the director of the agricultural experiment station and the director of the agricultural extension service of Oregon State College shall meet in conference at such times as may be necessary to eliminate any causes of overlapping and friction which may arise in connection with the conduct of their work; and they are authorized to invite representatives of collaborating federal agencies to participate in such conferences.

561.110 Conferences between director and division chiefs; action by director. In conference with his chiefs there shall be full and free discussion of the agricultural policies of the department, the administrative problems of divisions, the coordination of the departmental activities and methods for increasing the efficiency and reducing the cost of operation of the department. On the basis of these conferences the director may take such steps as in his judgment will increase the economy and efficiency of the department. He shall give especial attention to the full utilization of stenographic, office and laboratory forces, automobiles and other equipment. He may require that deputies and other employees do work for more

than one division of the department and shall take such measures as may be necessary to avoid duplication of costs of transportation and maintenance.

561.120 Organization of departmental work. In the assignment of functions to the six divisions of the department the director shall retain within the division of administration, in addition to the executive functions, agricultural statistics, publicity, fairs and exhibits, and such other activities as he may choose, subject to the approval of the Governor. He shall organize the work of the other five divisions in such a way as to secure maximum efficiency in the conduct of the department. The divisions created in ORS 561.040 are solely to make possible the definite placing of responsibility. The department shall be conducted as a unit in which the director shall assign to every employe, including each division chief, a definite work load.

561.130 State Board of Agriculture created; appointment and term; interests represented. (1) In order that there may be the closest contact between the department and the practical agricultural problems of the state, there is created the State Board of Agriculture, which shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor after consulting with the different agricultural and other interests of the state.

(2) The members shall be citizens of Oregon who by training and experience are thoroughly qualified to deal with the problems of the department.

(3) The following interests shall be represented on the board by one member each:

- (a) Horticulture.
- (b) Dairying.
- (c) Animal industry other than dairying.
- (d) Poultry industry.
- (e) Field crops.
- (f) Market gardening.
- (g) The public at large, including labor.

(4) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board, his successor shall be appointed for a term of four years. Any member may be removed and a successor appointed for the unexpired term by the Governor at any time with or without cause.

561.140 State Board of Agriculture; compensation; functions; organization; meetings. (1) Each member of the State Board

of Agriculture shall receive \$10 for each day engaged in his services and shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while attending to official duties, which expenses and per diem shall be charged to the Department of Agriculture Account.

(2) The functions of the board shall be advisory in character.

(3) The board shall meet regularly on the third Wednesday in June and the third Wednesday in December. However, the board may be called together at any time by the director with the consent of the Governor.

(4) The board shall organize by the election of a chairman. The director shall act as secretary.

(5) At every regular meeting the secretary shall review the activities of the department for the preceding six months and shall proceed in conference with the board to outline the methods, policies and program of work for the ensuing six months.

561.150 Department of Agriculture Account. (1) Except for:

(a) Funds to be expended for the extermination of predatory animals under the provisions of ORS chapter 610;

(b) Moneys received by the department from the sale of skins of predatory animals as provided in ORS 610.040; all unexpended funds which are available to the department for its use in carrying out its duties as prescribed by law and for any other purpose shall be a part of the General Fund of the state and shall be credited to a fund to be known as the Department of Agriculture Account.

(2) All appropriations, fines, fees, penalties and other moneys received by the department or credited to its use from the State Treasury, except the funds named in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) and money required by law to be placed therein, shall be placed in the General Fund and credited to the Department of Agriculture Account.

(3) All fines, fees, penalties and other moneys received by the department shall be turned over to the State Treasurer not later than the tenth day of the calendar month next succeeding their receipt by the department.

(4) All moneys without respect to their sources, credited to the Department of Agriculture Account shall be available for the payment of any and all the expenses of

the department, excepting those incurred in connection with the extermination of predatory animals.

(5) The director shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Department of Agriculture Account. Such record shall indicate the source from which the moneys are derived and name the individual departmental activity against which each withdrawal is charged.

561.160 Approval of vouchers required before withdrawing money from State Treasury. All moneys drawn from the State Treasury by the department shall be drawn only after the approval of vouchers by the director or by some person in his department authorized by him to approve such vouchers, which authorization shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of State.

561.161 Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund; creation; deposit; custodian.

(1) There hereby is created the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund, to be used as a revolving fund by the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of making disbursements whenever immediate cash payments are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the department's statutory functions. The amount of the fund shall not exceed \$1,500. The director may hold the fund in cash or may deposit the fund to the account of the department in any bank or banks in the state authorized as a depository for state funds, or may hold part in cash and deposit the remainder.

(2) The Director of Agriculture shall be the custodian of the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund; but he may designate in writing some employe of the department to supervise the actual disbursements from the fund. [1953 c.96 §1]

561.163 Method of establishing revolving fund. The Director of Agriculture, or the employe authorized by the director pursuant to subsection (2) of ORS 561.161 to do so, may establish the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund in the manner prescribed by this section. The director, or the authorized employe, shall approve a voucher, in an amount not exceeding \$1,500, payable to the director or the authorized employe for the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund. The voucher shall be payable from the Department of Agriculture Account in the General Fund. Upon receipt of the voucher, the Secretary of State shall draw

his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the amount of the voucher to be paid from the Department of Agriculture Account in the General Fund. The amount paid on the warrant shall be held or deposited for the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund as provided in ORS 561.161. [1953 c.96 §4]

561.165 Disbursements from revolving fund; replenishing fund. (1) Subject to the conditions imposed in this subsection, disbursements from the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund shall be in the discretion of the director or the employee designated by him pursuant to subsection (2) of ORS 561.161. No disbursement from the fund shall be made except against written evidence of such disbursement, which evidence shall include the date of the disbursement, the reason for it and the signature of the person to whom it was made, or his agent.

(2) Vouchers to replenish the fund shall be approved by the director or the employee authorized, under subsection (2) of ORS 561.161, by the director to do so. All vouchers presented to the Secretary of State for moneys to replenish the fund shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of disbursements and by the paid receipts issued against the disbursements from the fund. [1953 c.96 §2]

561.167 Accounting for revolving fund; revolving fund as part of Department of Agriculture Account. (1) The procedures by which the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund appears on the accounts of the department shall be in the discretion of the director so long as such procedures reasonably reflect the true status of the accounts in relation to the moneys available to the department for expenditure.

(2) The moneys in the Department of Agriculture Revolving Fund shall be considered together with the Department of Agriculture Account balance as a part of the Department of Agriculture Account. [1953 c.96 §3]

561.169 Reversion of revolving fund balance to Department of Agriculture Account. If for any reason the fund authorized by ORS 561.161 is abolished or its use discontinued, the fund shall revert to the Department of Agriculture Account with the State Treasurer after the fund has been reimbursed for all disbursements. [1953 c.96 §5]

561.170 Officer or employee prohibited from having financial interest in article supervised. It shall be unlawful for the director or any deputy or other employee of the department to be interested directly or indirectly as owner, agent or solicitor in the manufacture, purchase or sale of any article, commodity or product over which he may have supervision in his official capacity.

561.180 Reports to director; report to Governor; publications. (1) The director may call for such reports, statistics and information as he may desire, from time to time, from any division chief or employee of the department.

(2) He shall require annual reports from county fair boards, county grazing boards, county fruit inspectors, county horticultural inspectors, county meat and herd inspectors, county stock inspectors and county veterinarians, upon blanks to be furnished by the director, providing such information as the director may require for use in compiling the statistics of the state in reference to administration of agricultural laws and such other information as the director may require. Each such board and officer shall supply such information.

(3) The director shall, biennially before the first day of each January next preceding the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, make a full report to the Governor covering the work of his department for the preceding biennium and containing such other information and statistics as he may deem to be of interest to the Governor, the state legislature or the public.

(4) The director may, from time to time, cause to be published and distributed to the public in pamphlet form, or such other form as he may deem best, such information as he may judge to be of assistance in carrying on any of the work or purposes for the administration or for the carrying on of which the department is established.

(5) All printing of such reports, pamphlets or other literature shall be done by the State Printer.

561.190 Rules and regulations; publication; effect of violation. The department is authorized and directed to make any and all rules and regulations necessary for the administration or enforcement of any law with the administration or enforcement of which the department is charged, and not inconsistent with the authority with which the

department is vested or with any such law. Such rules and regulations shall be compiled and printed in pamphlet form for distribution. The violation of any rule or regulation made by the department pursuant to this section shall be a violation of the law to which such rule or regulation applies and shall be punishable in the manner provided for violations of such law.

561.200 Prohibitions against the obstruction of officers, agents or employees of department. (1) No person, firm or corporation shall refuse to allow any authorized officer, agent or employee of the department to enter upon his or its premises or to inspect any of his or its books, records, plant, equipment, apparatus, vehicles or any other thing or place which it is such officer's, agent's or employee's duty to inspect.

(2) No person, firm or corporation shall refuse to produce his or its books, records, apparatus and equipment for the inspection of such officer, agent or employee upon demand, or refuse to allow samples to be taken by such officer, agent or employee, when they are by law authorized so to do.

(3) No person, firm or corporation shall otherwise interfere with such officer, agent or employee in the lawful exercise of his duties, either by active or passive resistance or by refusal to cooperate in every reasonable manner with him in the carrying out of his lawful duties.

561.210 Offering or accepting a bribe to perform improperly a duty under certain statutes prohibited. No person shall, under this chapter or ORS 616.405 to 616.475, accept money or other consideration directly or indirectly for any incorrect or improper performance of duty, or influence improperly or attempt to influence improperly any person who is charged with the enforcement of this chapter or ORS 616.405 to 616.475 in the performance of his duty.

561.220 to 561.300 [Reserved for expansion]

REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR REFUSAL OF LICENSES; HEARINGS; APPEALS

561.310 Revocation, suspension or refusal of licenses; hearings; notice of hearing. (1) In any case where the department is authorized to refuse, revoke or suspend any license, the department, before taking any such action, shall set a time and place

at which the licensee whose license may be affected or party applying for such license, may, either in person or by attorney, be heard in opposition to such action or refusal on the part of the department.

(2) The department shall give the licensee or party applying for such license at least 10 days' written notice of the time and place set for such hearing and of the action intended to be taken by the department and the reason therefor.

561.320 Conduct of hearing; witnesses; subpoenas; contempt proceedings. (1) The division chief under whose jurisdiction a license was issued or refused, or some officer or employee of the department appointed by such division chief for that purpose, shall preside at the hearing and shall hear and consider any facts or arguments which the licensee or party to whom a license has been refused may wish to present, and shall hear any witnesses he may call.

(2) In connection with the hearing the division chief, officer or employee shall have full authority:

(a) To administer oaths and to take testimony thereunder, and to have official transcripts of such testimony taken.

(b) To issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses at such hearing, together with all books, memorandums, papers and other documents, articles or instruments.

(c) To compel disclosure by such witnesses of all facts known to them relative to the matters under investigation.

(3) All parties disobeying the orders or subpoenas of a division chief, officer or employee issued in connection with such hearing shall be guilty of contempt and shall be certified to the Circuit Court for the County of Marion for such punishment for such contempt as the court may direct.

561.330 Action upon failure to appear at hearing. Should a person or company whose license the department proposes to revoke or suspend, or to whom it has refused a license, fail to appear at the hearing, then the division chief, or person appointed by him to hold such hearing, shall proceed with the hearing, if there are any facts to be presented which have not already been considered by the department, and shall base his decision on any evidence and facts at his disposal.

561.340 Determination on hearing; notice to applicant or licensee. The division

chief shall determine within 30 days after a hearing has been held whether there are sufficient grounds to justify the refusal, revocation or suspension of such license. On the day that his determination is made, he shall mail by registered letter addressed to the party whose license is in question at his last address as shown by the records of the department a copy of his order setting forth his determination, with his reasons therefor.

561.350 Order refusing, suspending or revoking license; approval by director; effective date. All orders upon the matter of suspending, revoking or refusing any license by the department shall be made in duplicate and signed by the division chief under whose jurisdiction the kind of license in question is issued. Before such order shall take effect, it shall be approved on the face thereof by the director. One copy of such order shall be filed in the office of the department and the other copy mailed to the party whose license is in question, as provided by ORS 561.340. Such order shall not take effect until 10 days after it has been so mailed.

561.360 Appeal to circuit court; procedure; presumptions and burden of proof; disposition of appeal. (1) Any party whose license has been suspended or revoked, or to whom a license has been refused, by the department, shall have 30 days from the date of the order of the department within which to petition the Circuit Court for Marion County, or for the county in which he has his principal place of business, for an order enjoining the department from suspending or revoking his license, or for an order demanding that they issue the license for which he has applied.

(2) Upon appeal to the circuit court the procedure shall be the same as obtains in other suits in equity, but the action or decision of the department in revoking, suspending or refusing to issue any license shall be presumed to be valid and based upon sufficient cause, and the burden of proving otherwise shall be upon the plaintiff.

(3) In any such cause the court shall take into consideration the protection and welfare of the public and shall consider the reasonableness of any action or decision of the department in connection with the refusal, revocation or suspension of such license of which the plaintiff may complain.

(4) The department shall be a party in all such proceedings. The circuit court, upon a hearing of the cause, either shall affirm the order or decision of the department, or may require the department to reinstate the license revoked or to issue the license for which application was made, as the circumstances may require. Such order of the court shall be binding upon the department.

561.370 Bond on appeal. Upon the filing of an application appealing from any action or decision of the department in connection with the suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a license, the circuit court shall require the plaintiff to deposit with the clerk of the court a surety bond in a sum not to exceed \$5,000, payable to the State of Oregon, conditioned upon the plaintiff's observance of the provisions of the law under the terms of which such licenses as the one in question are issued and conditioned upon payment of the costs and disbursements incurred in such appeal if the action or decision of the department is sustained by the court, and with such sureties and in such form as the court shall approve.

561.380 Permit to continue business pending appeal. In case the department refuses to grant a license, or revokes or suspends any license, the circuit court may, upon an appeal for a review of the decision of the department being made to it and upon the filing of a bond as provided in ORS 561.370, order the department to issue to the plaintiff a permit to operate the business in question, or to continue doing the thing or act required by law to be licensed, until the appeal can be heard and determined. Such order shall not affect the liability of appellant or his sureties as provided in ORS 561.370.

561.390 Appeal to Supreme Court. Any order or decree of the circuit court made in any suit affecting the suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a license by the department may be appealed, either by the department or other party to such cause, to the Supreme Court of Oregon in the same manner that other equity cases are appealed.

561.400 to 561.500 [Reserved for expansion]

QUARANTINE POWERS

561.510 Quarantines; establishment by Director of Agriculture. Whenever, in the opinion of the director any animals, fowls,

bees, fruits, vegetables, plants, parts of plants or seeds within any area or section are diseased or infected with any infestation, or any area or section is infested with any kind of weed, which disease, infestation or weed is liable to spread and become detrimental to the plant or animal life of this state or is liable to injuriously affect the health of citizens of the state, with reference to any of which the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and established a quarantine, the director is authorized, with the consent of the Governor, to declare a quarantine against the movement of any such animals, fowls, bees, fruits, vegetables, plants, parts of plants or seeds, or against the movement of any articles which may contain such weeds or the seeds thereof, or which may be liable to spread such disease or infestation into the state, if such area or section be outside the boundaries of this state, or against the movement from such area or section of such animals, bees, fowls, fruits, vegetables, plants, parts of plants or seeds, or against the movement within the state of articles liable to spread such weeds or weed seeds, or which may be liable to spread such disease or infestation, if such area or section is within the state.

561.520 Quarantine areas; notice, hearing and proposed order. (1) Before the director declares a quarantine against any area or section within the state, he shall, if the quarantine involves the control, eradication or destruction of any disease, infestation or weeds within such area, file a copy of the proposed order of quarantine and a copy of any rules and regulations in connection with such quarantine in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such area is situated, or a copy thereof in the office of each county clerk of the several counties included in such area or within which a part of such area is located, and shall publish such order in a newspaper of general circulation in the area sought to be established. The director, in the publication, shall give notice of a time, not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of the publication of such notice, that, at the courthouse in the county seat in the county in which the area is proposed to be created, a hearing will be held by the department of agriculture for the consideration of remonstrances against the proposed quarantine,

or if such area or section includes or is within two or more counties, the notice shall state the time that a hearing will be held at each of the several county courthouses in the counties included in such area or within which a part of such area is to be located. None of the times of hearings shall be less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of the publication of the notice.

(2) If no remonstrances are presented at such time and place, or at such times and places, as the case may be, or if the remonstrances presented are deemed by the director to be without merit or insufficient, the director shall make the order of quarantine as proposed; but if the director is of the opinion that any change or changes in the proposed quarantine order, or in the rules and regulations in connection therewith, are of sufficient merit, he may, in his discretion, alter, amend or revoke the proposed order of quarantine or any rules and regulations in connection therewith.

(3) Such order of quarantine shall be filed and published as are other quarantine orders. Proof of publication of notice of the hearing shall be filed with the county clerk of the county within which the quarantine area is situated or with the several county clerks of the counties included in such quarantine area or within which a part of such quarantine area is situated, as the case may be.

561.530 Quarantine order; filing, posting and publication. (1) Whenever a quarantine of any kind or nature is declared pursuant to any law with the administration of which law the department is charged, such quarantine shall be declared by written order signed by the director and containing the approval of the Governor over the Governor's signature. The order shall be filed in the department.

(2) If the quarantine is on area or areas within this state, two copies thereof certified by the director, together with two copies of the rules and regulations governing such quarantine, shall be delivered to the county clerk of each county included in or within which any quarantined area or part thereof is situated.

(3) It shall be the duty of the county clerk immediately to post one each of such copies in a conspicuous place in the county courthouse and to file one each of such copies in the county records. Any such order of quarantine shall give notice of the

date that such quarantine takes effect, which shall be not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of the first publication thereof.

(4) The order of quarantine, together with any rules and regulations governing the same, shall be published at least once in some publication of general circulation throughout the state.

561.540 Rules and regulations governing quarantines, the movement of articles subject to quarantine and the eradication of disease, infestation or weeds. (1) A quarantine authorized by ORS 561.510 shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the director deems necessary for the protection of the public welfare.

(2) The movement of any animals, bees, fruits, vegetables, plants, parts of plants, fowls, seeds or articles liable to contain weeds or weed seeds or to spread disease or infestation, which are subject to quarantine, may be permitted subject to such regulations as the director may prescribe.

(3) Any such diseased or infested animals, fowls, bees, fruits, vegetables, plants, parts of plants, seeds, weeds, weed seeds and any articles, structures or lands within any quarantine area or section within this state shall be subject to such regulations for the eradication of such disease, infestation or weeds as the director may prescribe.

561.550 Removal of quarantine. (1) When in the opinion of the director any quarantine authorized by ORS 561.510 is no longer necessary to protect the public welfare of the state, he may by written order, approved in writing by the Governor, declare such quarantine removed.

(2) Whenever a quarantine of any kind or nature, declared pursuant to any law with the administration of which the department is charged, is removed, the fact of its removal shall be published and filed in the same manner as the order declaring the quarantine.

561.560 Emergency quarantine; approval; publication of notice; duration. (1) Whenever the director determines the fact that a dangerous plant, animal, fowl or bee disease or insect infestation new to, or not theretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the state, exists in any state, territory, country or locality outside of this state, or in any locality within this state, which disease or infestation is

of such nature that it will be impossible to follow the procedure provided for in ORS 561.510 to 561.530 without serious danger of the wide spread within the state of such disease or infestation during the time required by such procedure, the director is authorized and directed to declare, by written order, a quarantine against the movement into or within the state from such state, territory, country or locality, of any plants, animals, fowls, bees or articles which are liable to spread such disease or infestation. The written order shall be signed by the director and shall contain the approval of the Governor over the Governor's signature.

(2) The director shall publish a notice of such quarantine in a publication of general circulation throughout the state. From and after the publication of such notice it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to carry, move or transport any plants, animals, fowls, bees or articles specified in the notice of quarantine from the quarantined area into or through any part of the state, except as provided in the notice. Proofs of the publication of the notices provided for in this section shall be filed in the office of the department.

(3) No such emergency quarantine, as provided for in this section, shall be effective for more than 30 days after the date of publication of notice thereof. However, a quarantine for a longer period may be declared under the provisions of ORS 561.510 to 561.550, to take effect at or before the expiration of said 30 day period.

561.570 Suits against department; procedure; appeal to Supreme Court. (1) Any person, firm or corporation, severally, or any persons, firms or corporations in combination, who or which may be adversely affected by any action, order or ruling, or failure to act when required by law so to do, of the department or of any officer or employe of the department, may at any time file a suit in equity against the State Department of Agriculture in the circuit court for either Marion County or for the county in which the plaintiff has his, its or their principal place of business. In cases involving quarantine, the suit may be filed either in the Circuit Court for Marion County or in the circuit court for the county or for one of the counties affected by such quarantine. Such suit shall be commenced by filing with the clerk of such court a verified complaint

in the form and substance required in suits in equity for obtaining equitable relief and by serving a certified copy of complaint and summons upon the director in the same manner that complaint and summons are served in suits in equity. The director shall, within 20 days thereafter, file with the clerk of such court such additional information in the form of an answer alleging facts and circumstances necessary to a fair and impartial trial of the issue involved.

(2) The cause thereafter shall proceed to trial and be heard and determined as other equity cases are heard and determined, and shall, in the discretion of the court, have preference in the time of hearing over all other cases. The court shall not be bound by the usual rules of evidence, and for its enlightenment may resort to such books, documents, bulletins and other forms of unsworn written and oral information as may provide a complete understanding of the questions involved, and which have been made a part of the record. In all such suits it shall be presumed that the department and its officers, employees and deputies have acted or refrained from acting in accordance with the law and that any findings of fact made by the department or any of its officers, employees or deputies, in the course of their official duty, are true and correct and the burden of proof shall be upon any person, firm or corporation claiming otherwise. The court may, upon hearing, declare any order, decision or ruling of the department void, or may issue an order directing the department, or any of its officers, employees or deputies to act or refrain from acting, according to the findings of the court, and any such order shall be binding on the department, its officers, employees and deputies.

(3) Any party to such order, decree or ruling of the circuit court, including the department, may appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court in the same manner that appeals are made in other equity cases. In all such proceedings the department shall be a party.

561.580 Cooperation with United States and other states with respect to quarantines.

(1) In order to prevent unnecessary and conflicting regulations on commerce, the depart-

ment shall cooperate with the United States and other states in establishing a uniform system of quarantine and laws and rules and regulations governing quarantines, both as to animals, fowls, plants, weeds, insects and seeds, subject to quarantine, manner of enforcing quarantine and manner of treating diseased or infested animals, fowls, plants, seeds and articles containing weeds and weed seeds.

(2) The director shall suggest to the Governor, from time to time, any changes in the laws of this state or any additional laws which will tend to unify the quarantine laws of the United States and this and other states of the United States.

(3) Whenever the director deems it to be of advantage toward carrying out the purpose of this section, he may forward to the United States Department of Agriculture copies of proposed rules and regulations to govern quarantines in this state and request suggestions from the United States Department of Agriculture tending toward uniform provisions governing quarantines throughout the several states.

561.590 Violation of quarantine prohibited. From and after the time that any quarantine order of the director becomes effective it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to violate, either in whole or in part, any of the provisions of such order, or of any rule or regulation promulgated in connection therewith.

561.600 to 561.980 [Reserved for expansion]

PENALTIES

561.990 Penalties. (1) Violation of ORS 561.170 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not to exceed \$200.

(2) Violation of ORS 561.200 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not to exceed \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

(3) Violation of ORS 561.210 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.

(4) Violation of ORS 561.590 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250.

CHAPTER 562

[Reserved for expansion]

562.910 [Repealed by 1953 c.100 §2]

