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DEFINITIONS

561.005 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture.

(2) "Department" means the State Department of Agriculture.

(3) "Director" means the Director of Agriculture. [1959 c.639 §2]

Note: ORS 561.005 takes effect January 1, 1960.

ORGANIZATION; GENERAL FUNCTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

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. The executive officer of the department shall be the Director of Agriculture who shall execute all matters pertaining to the department. The director shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve during the pleasure of the Governor. [Amended by 1959 c.639 §3]

Note: The 1959 amendments to ORS 561.010, 561.020, 561.030, 561.040, 561.050, 561.060, 561.130 and 561.140 take effect on January 1, 1960. Until then, these sections as compiled in the 1957 Replacement Part remain in effect.

561.020 Responsibility of department as to inspectional, regulatory and development work. (1) The department shall have full responsibility and authority for all the inspectional, regulatory and market development work provided for under the provisions of all statutes which the department is empowered and directed to enforce.

(2) The department shall encourage and work toward long-range planning to develop and promote the agricultural resources of Oregon that they may contribute as greatly as possible to the future economy of the state. [Amended by 1955 c.572 §8; 1959 c.639 §4]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.030 Seal of department; principal office. The department shall adopt an official seal. It shall maintain its principal office in the state capital at Salem. [Amended by 1959 c.639 §5]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.040 Organization of department. With the advice of the board, the director shall organize and reorganize the work of

the department. [Amended by 1955 c.572 §9; 1959 c.639 §6]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.050 Division chiefs. Subject to any applicable provisions of the State Civil Service Law, the chiefs of the divisions shall be appointed by the director. [Amended by 1959 c.639 §7]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.060 Salaries and bonds of department employes. (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 employes of the department shall receive such salaries and wages as the director determines.

(3) The chiefs of divisions and other employes of the department designated by the director shall execute bonds to the state, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as the director determines. [Amended by 1959 c.639 §8]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.070 Assistants and employes; appointment and duties. (1) 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 employe of the department.

(2) The director may at any time designate or appoint any officer or employe of the department to act as assistant director of agriculture and may terminate such designation or appointment at any time, with or without cause. The assistant director of agriculture may perform such duties of the director as may be prescribed by the director. [Amended by 1957 c.451 §1]

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 employes 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 [Repealed by 1959 c.639 §14]

Note: ORS 561.120 is repealed effective January 1, 1960.

561.130 State Board of Agriculture created; appointment and term. (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.

(2) The members shall be citizens of Oregon who are actively engaged in the production of agricultural commodities.

(3) The members first appointed shall determine by lot the length of their terms; one to serve for one year, one to serve for two years, one to serve for three years, one to serve for four years, one to serve for five years and two to serve for six years, each term beginning on January 1, 1960. Thereafter the term of each member shall be six years, beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment. A member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Before a member's term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor to assume his duties on January 1, at the expiration of his predecessor's term. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

(4) At the time of appointment, no two members shall have the same main commodity interest.

(5) No person shall be eligible for reappointment to the board until at least one year has elapsed from the expiration of his second consecutive term. A member may be removed only for cause.

(6) Not more than four members shall

belong to one political party. Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official election registration cards. [Amended by 1957 c.479 §1; 1959 c.639 §9]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

561.140 State Board of Agriculture; compensation; functions; organization; ex officio members; meetings; quorum. (1) Each member of the State Board of Agriculture shall receive \$10 for each day engaged in his services, including travel time, 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 at the call of the chairman or the director. The chairman or director may call a meeting at his pleasure, and shall call a meeting at the request of four or more members. The chairman shall designate the place of each meeting.

(4) At the first meeting after January 1 in each year the board shall select a chairman from among its members. The director shall act as secretary and shall be an ex officio member of the board without the right to vote. The director of the agricultural extension service of Oregon State College shall be an ex officio member of the board without the right to vote.

(5) By arrangement with the chairman, the director shall review with the board the activities of the department and shall proceed in conference with the board to outline the methods, policies and program of work for the department.

(6) A majority of the board present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum, and an act by a majority of such quorum at any meeting shall constitute an official act of the board. [Amended by 1957 c.479 §2; 1959 c.639 §10]

Note: See note under ORS 561.010.

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.

561.155 Petty cash fund. The State Department of Agriculture shall establish a petty cash fund under ORS 291.548 in the amount of \$2,500 from moneys in the Department of Agriculture Account. [1959 c.682 §3]

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 [1953 c.96 §1; repealed by 1959 c.682 §4]

561.163 [1953 c.96 §4; repealed by 1959 c.682 §4]

561.165 [1953 c.96 §2; repealed by 1959 c.682 §4]

561.167 [1953 c.96 §3; repealed by 1959 c.682 §4]

561.169 [1953 c.96 §5; repealed by 1959 c.682 §4]

561.170 Officer or employe prohibited from having financial interest in article supervised. It shall be unlawful for the director or any deputy or other employe 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. This section does not apply to a ranch or farm which is the home of the director or an employe of the department. [Amended by 1959 c.229 §12]

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 employe 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.

561.192 Code of regulations of the department; compilation and publication. (1) The State Department of Agriculture may from time to time revise and compile, in a code of regulations, all rules and regulations of a general character promulgated by the department.

(2) No substantive change may be made in revising the rules and regulations unless the department complies with the procedures required by law for the adoption or amendment of the particular rule or regulation. However, changes that are not of a substantive nature may be made without the procedures required by law for the adoption or amendment of rules and regulations by the department.

(3) The department shall print, publish and distribute the code of regulations in a convenient form. The code of regulations as published is prima facie evidence of the current rules and regulations of the department.

(4) ORS 183.010 to 183.050 do not apply to the code of regulations, but individual orders, rules or regulations promulgated by the department shall be filed as provided in those sections and are otherwise subject to the provisions of those sections. [1955 c.76 §1]

561.194 Distribution of code of regulations. (1) The State Department of Agriculture may distribute the code of regulations published under ORS 561.192 free of charge to such state agencies as are designated by the department.

(2) The department shall sell the other copies at such prices as the department finds sufficient to recover the cost of printing.

(3) All moneys received by the department under this section, in addition to any other appropriation of funds available for the purposes of ORS 561.192 and 561.194, hereby are continuously appropriated to the department for the purpose of paying the cost of publication of the code of regulations. [1955 c.76 §2]

561.200 Prohibitions against the obstruction of officers, agents or employes of department. (1) No person, firm or corporation shall refuse to allow any authorized officer, agent or employe 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 employe'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 employe upon demand, or refuse to allow samples to be taken by such officer, agent or employe, when they are by law authorized so to do.

(3) No person, firm or corporation shall otherwise interfere with such officer, agent or employe 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 Prohibitions against altering or removing seal, sign, stamp or similar object used by department and against selling products from used containers bearing such markings. (1) Except as hereafter provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, no person shall alter, deface or remove any seal, sign, tag, stamp, placard, mark, brand

or similar object used by the State Department of Agriculture pursuant to any law of this state.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Employes or agents of the State Department of Agriculture engaged in the regular discharge of their duties.

(b) The alteration, defacement or removal of markings on any type of food or other agricultural product in the normal course of sale and distribution thereof.

(3) No person shall sell food or other agricultural products in or from a used container bearing any of the markings referred to in subsection (1) of this section unless such person first removes or defaces such markings. [1955 c.11 §1]

561.230 Prohibition against reusing, imitating or counterfeiting markings used by department. No person shall reuse, imitate or counterfeit any seal, sign, tag, stamp, placard, mark, brand or similar object used by the State Department of Agriculture pursuant to any law of this state. [1955 c.11 §2]

561.240 Contracts and agreements with Federal Government; acceptance and use of federal funds. The State Department of Agriculture is authorized to contract with or enter into agreements with and to receive funds from any department or agency of the United States, such funds to be deposited with the State Treasurer to be paid out and used by the department in carrying out the provisions of any law under its jurisdiction and of the Act of Congress under which the money is paid. Funds deposited with the State Treasurer, as provided by this section, shall not be subject to tithing by this state or to the provisions of ORS 291.368 and 291.372. Such funds are continuously appropriated for carrying out the purposes of the agreement, contract and the Act under which the money is paid. [1957 c.478 §2]

561.250 Services by department for commodity commissions and Oregon Beef Council. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS chapters 576, 577, 578 and 579, upon request of a commodity commission created and established as provided by such chapters or the Oregon Beef Council created by ORS 577.210, the State Department of Agriculture may if facilities and services are available:

(a) Provide centralized accounting, data

processing, data recording, clerical, secretarial, business management, office and all other similar or related facilities and services. This shall not include the furnishing of executive secretary services.

(b) Provide and furnish office space, telephone and other similar or related facilities and services.

(c) Provide for the collection and receiving of assessment or other moneys due a commodity commission or the beef council. Any person authorized or required to pay assessment or other moneys to a commodity commission or the beef council hereby is required after notice to pay such moneys to the department in behalf of and in the name of the commodity commission or beef council. Such moneys received by the department shall be paid to the commodity commission or beef council.

(2) Any person authorized or required to carry out any act or to perform any service to or for a commodity commission or the beef council including the filing of reports, after notice, hereby is authorized and required to carry out such act, perform such service or file reports with the department in behalf of and in the name of the commodity commission or beef council. All services performed or carried out by the department as authorized by this section shall be done in behalf of and in the name of the appropriate commodity commission or beef council.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS chapters 576, 577, 578 and 579, commodity commissions and the beef council hereby are authorized to request the department to furnish facilities and services and to use such services as authorized by this section. Such commodity commissions and beef council hereby are authorized to and shall pay for facilities or services so received. [1957 c.480 §§2, 3, 4; 1959 c.596 §69; 1959 c.685 §30]

561.260 Furnishing lists of names and other information at cost. The department may make a reasonable charge to cover the actual cost of accumulating and furnishing a list of names or other similar records which are by law declared to be public writings or records. Moneys collected shall be placed in the General Fund, credited to the Department of Agriculture Account and shall be available for payment of all expenses of the department. [1959 c.229 §8]

561.270 Cancellation of uncollectible debts. Fees, taxes or moneys owed to the department for five years or more may be canceled by the department if it determines that all reasonable efforts have been made to effect collection thereof and such moneys are uncollectible. [1959 c.229 §7]

561.280 Enjoining violations of law. In addition to the other remedies provided by law, the department may apply to the circuit court for, and such court shall have jurisdiction upon a summary hearing and for cause shown to grant, a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating any provision of a law under the jurisdiction of the department. [1959 c.229 §9]

561.290 Jurisdiction of courts of prosecutions. Justice courts and district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts of all prosecutions arising under any law under the jurisdiction of the department. [1959 c.229 §10]

561.300 [Reserved for expansion]

REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR REFUSAL OF LICENSES; HEARINGS; APPEALS

561.305 Department authorized to revoke, suspend or refuse license. The department may refuse to issue, revoke or suspend any license or application for license issued or which may be issued pursuant to any law under its jurisdiction where it finds that the licensee has violated any provision of such law or regulations promulgated thereunder. [1959 c.229 §11]

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 employe 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 employe 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 employe 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 [Reserved for expansion]

FURNISHING SERVICES AND MATERIALS ON CREDIT

561.410 Department authorized to grant credit. The department, in its discretion, may grant credit for services and materials furnished pursuant to the provisions of all laws under its jurisdiction. [1959 c.229 §2]

561.420 Procedure when credit granted. Except where due dates or other credit procedures are otherwise established by law, the department shall forward an itemized

statement of services and materials furnished as provided by ORS 561.410, to the person responsible for payment thereof, not later than the twenty-fifth day of the month following the month during which such services and materials were furnished. Such person shall pay for services and materials within one month after the itemized statement is forwarded by the department, or not later than the fifth of the second month following the month during which the services or materials were provided, whichever is the earlier. [1959 c.229 §3]

561.430 Deposit or bond to secure payment. (1) The department may require any person to whom it has furnished or may furnish services or materials on credit to deposit and keep on deposit with the department a sum equal to an amount which the department estimates may be due for services or materials to be rendered for a period of three months.

(2) The department may, in lieu of such deposit, accept a bond to secure payment for services or materials to be furnished. The deposit or posting of the bond shall not relieve the person from making payments as required by law or by ORS 561.410.

(3) If such person files a written statement with the department that services or materials of the department are no longer required, the department, upon receipt of all payments due, shall refund to the person all deposits remaining to the person's credit and shall cancel any bond given under this section. [1959 c.229 §5]

561.440 Penalty for delinquency; legal action to collect; disposition of funds. (1) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, any person who delays transmittal of payment for materials or services furnished by the department beyond the due date as provided by ORS 561.420 or by a due date otherwise established by law, shall pay an additional one percent of the amount due for the first month of delay and one percent of the amount due for each month of delay thereafter.

(2) The amount due from any person, together with the additional charges as provided by subsection (1) of this section, may be collected by the department in the same legal action.

(3) The department shall deposit all funds paid to it in the General Fund to the

credit of the Department of Agriculture Account. Such funds are continuously appropriated to the department for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of the law under which authority the department furnished the services or materials. [1959 c.229 §4]

561.450 Lien. (1) A lien hereby is created in favor of the department upon all real and personal property belonging to any person who fails to pay the department for services or materials furnished within 60 days after the due date in a sum equal to the amount due, together with additional charges authorized by subsection (1) of ORS 561.440.

(2) The lien, which shall be valid until paid in full, attaches upon the filing of a Notice of Claim of Lien with the county clerk of the county in which the property is located. The notice of lien claim shall contain a true statement of the amount due. The county clerk shall record the claim of lien and shall receive the same fees as are allowed by law for recording other lien instruments.

(3) The lien created by this section may be foreclosed in the circuit court in the same manner provided by law for the foreclosure of other liens on real or personal property.

(4) The lien created by this section is prior to all liens and encumbrances recorded subsequent to the filing of claim of lien, except taxes and labor liens. [1959 c.229 §6]

561.460 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 quar-

antine 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 [Renumbered 561.810]

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 department 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 561.800 [Reserved for expansion]

SUITS AGAINST DEPARTMENT

561.810 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, employes 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, employes 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, employes 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, employes 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. [Formerly 561.570]

561.820 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 561.220 or 561.230 is a misdemeanor.

(5) Violation of ORS 561.590 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250. [Subsection (4) enacted as 1955 c.11 §3]

CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Sam R. Haley, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.
Done at Salem, Oregon,
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562.910 [Repealed by 1953 c.100 §2]