RCW 19.94.015 Commercial use of instrument or device—
Registration—Fees. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this
section for the initial registration of an instrument or device, no
weighing or measuring instrument or device may be used for commercial
purposes in the state unless its commercial use is registered
annually. If its commercial use is within a city that has a city
sealer and a weights and measures program as provided by RCW
19.94.280, the commercial use of the instrument or device must be
registered with the city if the city has adopted fees pursuant to
subsection (2) of this section. If its commercial use is outside of
such a city, the commercial use of the instrument or device must be
registered with the department.

(2) A city with such a sealer and program may establish an annual
fee for registering the commercial use of such a weighing or measuring
instrument or device with the city. The annual fee may not exceed the
fee established in RCW 19.94.175 for registering the use of a similar
instrument or device with the department. Fees upon weighing or
measuring instruments or devices within the jurisdiction of the city
that are collected under this subsection by city sealers must be
deposited into the general fund, or other account, of the city as
directed by the governing body of the city.

(3) Registrations with the department are accomplished as part of
the business licensing system under chapter 19.02 RCW. Payment of the
registration fee for a weighing or measuring instrument or device
under the business licensing system constitutes the registration
required by this section.

(4) The fees established by or under RCW 19.94.175 for
registering a weighing or measuring instrument or device must be paid
to the department of revenue concurrently with an application for a
business license under chapter 19.02 RCW or with the annual renewal of
a business license under chapter 19.02 RCW. A weighing or measuring
instrument or device must be initially registered with the state at
the time the owner applies for a business license for a new business
or at the first renewal of the license that occurs after the
instrument or device is first placed into commercial use. The
department of revenue must remit to the department of agriculture all
fees collected under this provision less reasonable collection
expenses.

(5) Each city charging registration fees under this section must
notify the department of agriculture at the time such fees are adopted
and whenever changes in the fees are adopted. [2013 c 144 § 34.
Prior: 2011 c 298 § 19; 2011 c 103 § 38; 1995 c 355 § 1.]

Purpose—Intent—Agency transfer—Contracting—Effective date—2011
c 298: See notes following RCW 19.02.020.

Purpose—2011 c 103: See note following RCW 15.26.120.

Application—1995 c 355: "This act applies prospectively only and
not retroactively. It applies only to causes of action that arise or
that are commenced on or after *the effective date of this act. This
act does not affect any liability or obligation arising prior to *the
effective date of this act." [1995 c 355 § 27.]

*Effective dates—1995 c 355: "(1) Sections 2 through 6 and 8
through 25 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of
the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state
government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect
July 1, 1995.

(2) Sections 1 and 7 of this act shall take effect January 1,