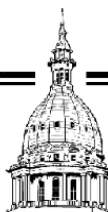




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Senate Bill 263

Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.

Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

Date Completed: 3-15-95

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 263 as introduced 2-14-95:

The bill would amend the seed certification Act to exempt from liability seed certifying agencies, and their agents or employees, for engaging in activities permitted under the Act.

Currently, under the Act, the Director of the Department of Agriculture designates seed certifying agencies that he or she finds qualified to assist and advise the Director in carrying out the provisions of the Act regarding standards for agricultural or vegetable seeds or plant materials. The bill provides that a person would not have a cause of action against a designated official seed certifying agency (or its agent or employee) if the designated agency were engaged in duties permitted by the Act, and used written and approved procedures and protocols established by the Director. A designated agency or its agent or employee would be liable for injuries to persons and damages to property if the agency, agent, or employee failed to follow written procedures and protocols; and/or took actions that were not within the scope of official duties.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: A. Rich

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