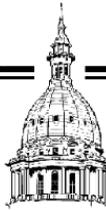




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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 461 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Joel D. Gougeon
Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act to add aquacultural and silvicultural products to the definition of "agricultural commodity" and to delete Christmas trees from that definition.

The Act, which provides for marketing programs, agreements, referendums by producers, and assessments on producers relating to the marketing of agricultural commodities, defines "agricultural commodity" as all agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or vineyard products, livestock or livestock products, poultry or poultry products, bees, maple syrup and honey, produced in the State, either in their natural state or as processed by the producer. The Act specifies that the kinds, types, and subtypes of products to be classed together as an agricultural commodity must be determined on the basis of common usage and practice.

(Although not defined in the bill, "aquacultural products" refers to aquatic organisms such as fish, and "silvicultural products" refers to forestry products such as tree seedlings.)

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Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Date Completed: 5-17-95

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