

Legislative Analysis



MICHIGAN SEED LAW: TESTING LABORATORY

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House Bill 5392 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Brett Roberts
Committee: Agriculture
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5392 would amend Section 11 of the Michigan Seed Law with regard to responsibilities assigned to the director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). At present, the law requires the director to, among other things, maintain a seed testing laboratory and facilities with all necessary equipment and analysts, inspectors, assistants, and other personnel necessary for proper enforcement of the act, and to incur expenses as necessary for the act. The bill would instead allow, rather than require, these efforts. The director would continue to have a statutory obligation to sample, inspect, analyze, and test any seed defined in the act that is sold or offered for sale in Michigan.

The bill also would delete a provision requiring the director to promulgate rules to establish inspection fees, although rules for seed testing (germination, purity, etc.) would continue to be required.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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