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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 882 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Sam Singh

Committee: Natural Resources and Agriculture

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Food Law to increase, from \$15,001 to \$25,000, the gross sales threshold at which a honey or maple syrup producer's retail outlet and processing facility would no longer be exempt from licensure under the Law.

MCL 289.4105

BRIEF RATIONALE

Under the Law, cottage food refers to the production and sale of certain foods made in a home kitchen that do not require time or temperature controls for safety and so may be sold directly to consumers without licensure or inspection from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The annual gross sales of cottage food businesses cannot exceed \$25,000. Currently, retail sellers of honey and maple syrup are also exempt from licensure and inspection if their gross sales remain under \$15,001. Due to the similar nature of honey and syrup and other cottage foods, increasing the annual gross sale limit of honey and maple syrup producers to align with the cottage food sale limit has been suggested.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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