



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1497

LCO No. 5138



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMMING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-26f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) There shall be a State Veterinarian who shall be an employee of
5 the Department of Agriculture and shall serve as the state animal health
6 official for the state. The Commissioner of Agriculture may designate
7 one or more veterinarians to exercise all or part of the authority, powers
8 and duties of the State Veterinarian. [in the absence of the State
9 Veterinarian.] Any veterinarian designated by the commissioner
10 pursuant to this subsection shall meet the requirements of subsection (b)
11 of this section.

12 Sec. 2. Section 22-111c of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14 (a) Each brand and grade of fertilizer shall be registered in the name

15 of the person whose name appears on the label for such fertilizer before
 16 being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be
 17 submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished by the
 18 commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy-five dollars.
 19 [On and after January 1, 2010, said] Said fee shall be established by the
 20 commissioner by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions
 21 of section 22-111j, provided such fee does not exceed seventy-five
 22 dollars. The application shall include the following information: (1) The
 23 net weight; (2) the brand and grade; (3) the guaranteed analysis; and (4)
 24 the name and address of the registrant. Upon approval of the
 25 application by the commissioner, a copy of the registration shall be
 26 furnished to the applicant. All registrations shall expire on June thirtieth
 27 of each year.

28 (b) A distributor shall not be required to register any fertilizer which
 29 is already registered under this chapter by another person, provided the
 30 label for such exempted fertilizer does not differ in any material respect
 31 to such previously registered fertilizer.

32 (c) A distributor shall not be required to register fertilizer formulated
 33 according to specifications which are furnished by a consumer prior to
 34 mixing; but shall be required to label such fertilizer as provided in
 35 subsection (c) of section 22-111d.

36 Sec. 3. Section 22-111bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
 37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

38 (a) No person may distribute a soil amendment unless it has been
 39 registered with the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
 40 this section. An application for registration shall be submitted annually
 41 to the commissioner on the form furnished or approved by the
 42 commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee established by the
 43 Commissioner of Agriculture that shall not exceed seventy-five dollars.
 44 Upon approval of the application by the commissioner, a copy of the
 45 registration shall be furnished to the applicant. Such registration shall

46 expire on September thirtieth of the following year. Each distributor
47 shall submit to the commissioner a copy of labels and any advertising
48 literature for each soil amendment with the registration application.

49 (b) A distributor shall not be required to register any brand of soil
50 amendment that is already registered under this section by another
51 person, providing the label does not differ in any respect.

52 (c) Before registering any soil amendment, the commissioner may
53 require evidence to substantiate the claims made for the soil amendment
54 and proof of the value and usefulness of the soil amendment.

55 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 22-341 of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
57 *passage*):

58 (b) The town clerk of each town shall order a sufficient number of
59 such tags or plates from the commissioner, who shall furnish the same
60 at [a cost of five cents each] the cost incurred to procure and distribute
61 such tags or plates, which cost shall be paid by the town on the approval
62 of the town clerk. [Any balance of the moneys received by the
63 commissioner after deducting the cost of the tags, the expenses
64 incidental to their distribution to the town clerks and the expenses
65 incidental to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, shall be
66 accounted for by the commissioner to the Comptroller.] The design and
67 the shape of such tags or plates shall be changed each year, and such
68 tags or plates for each year shall be of uniform design and material
69 throughout the state. Any dog found roaming at large upon any public
70 highway or common or upon the premises of any person other than its
71 owner, without a tag as provided in this section, shall be presumed to
72 be an unlicensed dog.

73 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The annual harvest season for
74 the purpose of vehicles transporting agricultural products shall be year-
75 round.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-26f(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-111c
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-111bb
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22-341(b)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To streamline certain services at the Department of Agriculture while increasing access to such services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]