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Brief Description: Providing increased penalties for false writings or statements concerning farms or agricultural commodities.

**HB 2717-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a producer of agricultural commodities who suffers damages as a result of another person's disparagement to bring an action for damages.

Authorizes award of costs of litigation and a civil fine of three times the actual damages in instances involving malice.

Requires actions to be commenced within three years.