

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5631

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Agriculture & Rural Economic Development, February 14, 2011
Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development, February 2, 2012

Title: An act relating to miscellaneous provisions regulated by the department of agriculture.

Brief Description: Concerning miscellaneous provisions regulated by the department of agriculture.

Sponsors: Senators Swecker, Hatfield, Haugen and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture & Rural Economic Development: 2/10/11, 2/14/11 [DP].
Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development: 1/30/12, 2/02/12 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Becker, Delvin, Haugen, Honeyford and Schoesler.

Staff: Bob Lee (786-7404)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5631 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hatfield, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Delvin, Haugen, Hobbs and Schoesler.

Staff: Bob Lee (786-7404)

Background: The Department of Agriculture (WSDA) administers a wide range of programs relating to consumer protection, livestock, crops, pesticide regulation, and many others. Efficient administration requires periodic updating of these laws.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The requirement that theaters who sell popcorn disclose at the point of sale whether the flavoring is butter or is a butter-like flavor is

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unchanged. The reference to a definition of butter in a section that no longer exists is replaced with its own definition of butter.

In the Commercial Feed Act, a reference is updated to the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as to whether particular color additives are unsafe.

Authorized uses of the Grain Inspection Revolving Account are changed. The account continues to be used for paying expenses directly incurred by the grain inspection program. Authority for the account to be used during the 1993-95 biennium for departmental administrative expenses, and for up to 5 percent for research and promotion work, including rate studies relating to wheat and wheat products is removed.

Reference to a repealed section of law is replaced with a reference to the current code that has to do with what happens when stray livestock are impounded.

Certain pesticides must be distinctly denatured as to color, taste, odor, or form, if required by rule of WSDA.

The requirements that WSDA annually publish results of official pesticide samples is repealed.

The requirement that dealers who sell gasoline with greater than 1 percent by volume of ethanol or methanol must place a label on the dispensing device is repealed.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): The substitute bill was reduced to contain only those sections that relate to removing obsolete provisions in statutes administered by the Department of Agriculture.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: The purpose of this bill is to make minor technical corrections to a number of statutes administered by the WSDA. Because of the broadness of the title, it became subject to a number of amendments during the 2011 session. WSDA will look at ways to narrow the title and make a recommendation to the committee before asking the bill to move forward.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Mark Streuli, WSDA.