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House Bill 5653 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Carl F. Gnodtke  
House Committee: Agriculture and Forestry  
Senate Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Animal Industry Act to regulate the importation of aquaculture into this State by requiring a prior entry permit from the Director of the Department of Agriculture and one of the following: an official interstate health certificate, an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection, or a fish disease inspection report. The bill also would:

- Permit the Director, in addition to current options concerning illegally imported livestock, to order the destruction of the livestock (without indemnification); allow direct movement of an animal to slaughter by permit; or allow legal importation into another state.
- Prohibit a person from importing an animal species from an area under quarantine for that species unless permission were granted by the Director.
- Increase from \$1,000 to \$1,250 the maximum amount of State indemnification per animal for slaughtered livestock; allow the Department to provide for up to \$10,000 in indemnification from any line item in the Department's budget; and provide that indemnification over \$10,000 would be subject to legislative appropriations.
- Prohibit a person from feeding swine, or exposing swine to, garbage, offal, or carcasses.
- Revise provisions concerning the importation and movement of poultry.
- Revise requirements regarding fairs and exhibitions, particularly concerning swine.
- Allow the Director to recover costs and attorney fees incurred in prosecutions under the Act.
- Authorize the Director to impose an administrative fine for violations of the Act.
- Require the Department to keep a data base of captive cervidae premises.

MCL 287.703 et al.

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department of Agriculture would incur minimal costs to provide for approvals for (1) importation of animals under quarantine; (2) transport of cattle with certain diseases; and (3) promulgation of administrative rules. There would be no additional cost for permitting the indemnification of destroyed animals as that is currently allowed pursuant to the annual appropriation/budget acts and the Department is already maintaining a data base on captive cervidae. There would be additional revenue to the State of about \$5,000 per year from administrative fines. This assumes five fines of \$1,000 each.

There would be no fiscal impact on local governments.

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