

Legislative Analysis



REPEAL RESTRICTION ON SALE OF ARTIFICIALLY-RIPENED TOMATOES

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House Bill 4327

Sponsor: Rep. Dudley Spade

Committee: Agriculture

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4327 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-07

The bill would repeal Public Act 113 of 1939 which (1) bans the sale of tomatoes, domestic or foreign grown, which are not vine ripened unless they are labeled as either "not vine ripened" or "artificially ripened by ethylene" or another process; and (2) makes the sale of artificially-ripened tomatoes that are not properly labeled a misdemeanor.

MCL 752.751 and 752.752

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Agriculture indicates that it does not currently enforce the act and repeal would have no fiscal impact.

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