

Agriculture Fee Bill Corrections

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- New computer Databases for agriculture since the last fee bill cycle
 - USA Herds – animal related and consumer protection
 - USA Plants – water quality, pesticide, nursery
- Both databases for management of agricultural information not specifically financial management
- First Fee Bill using the data from these two data bases

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- Unit numbers found to be incorrect on 11 fees
- Asking for number of devices in the USA Herds database - undercounted
 - Heading provided number of licenses not total number of devices – scales and scanners
- Asking for total number of licenses in USA Plants - overcounted
 - Gave all active, inactive and closed licenses

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- Agency checked all 62 fee requests to verify unit number – deeper than just running a query
- 11 fees had incorrect unit numbers
- In calculation of funds needed – calculated per one unit – one scale, one pesticide license etc.
- Net change on the total dollar value for the agency –\$3,468 – dependent on scanner and small scale proposal

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- Fees that were effected
- Pesticide C retail – 2,882 corrected – 967
- Commercial Applicators of Pesticides – 1,600 corrected -554
- Non-commercial Applicators of Pesticides – 280 corrected – 91
- Federal & state agencies, municipalities & public education institutions applicators – 260 – corrected 152

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- Fees that were effected
- Frozen Dessert Manufacturing – 300 – corrected 426
- Laser Scanning Checkout systems – 579 – corrected 2,044
- Vehicle Tank Meters – 164 – corrected 473
- Small Scales – 1,851- corrected 2,922
- Heavy Duty Scales – 58 – corrected 194

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- Fees that Were Effected
- Propane Truck Meters – 105 – corrected 270
- Other Scales – 378 – corrected – 0
 - The other scale category is a remnant. No scales are registered here. Could be removed from statute.
 - There are now more categories of scales
 - Small
 - Medium
 - Heavy duty
 - Hopper

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- Apologize for the incorrect unit numbers
- Understand that this is late in the process

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- Proposal as requested by House Ways and Means
- Laser Scanners – reduce exemptions from 4 to 2 – consider changing language to licensing
- Aggregation of companies to reduce number of large chains claiming exemptions
- Reduce fee rate for small scales \$15 - \$20 and determine if scanner fee would need to be increased to cover less revenue from small scales

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- Scanners – no statute change
 - Reduce number of exemptions from 4 to 2
 - Fee at \$25
- Small Scales
 - Fee at \$20 – scanners at \$25 with 2 exemption will cover difference from proposed fee of \$25
 - Fee at \$15 – scanners at \$40 with 2 exemptions will cover the difference from proposed fee