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Act No. 73 (H. 472). An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Subjects: Agriculture; food safety; agricultural fairs; apiaries; nurseries

This act enacts multiple provisions related to miscellaneous agricultural subjects. The act clarifies the process and formula for awards of operational grants to agricultural fairs and field days. The act authorizes the period under which the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (Agency) is required to inspect a weights and measures device by up to 24 months from the date of original application for a weights and measures license. The act also repeals the statutory requirements for the issuance of certified livestock brands. The act requires an apiary to be inspected within 45 days of sale of the bees from the apiary. The act also repeals the permit exemption for bees transported into the State when the bees are registered in Vermont, were transported not more than 75 miles from the registered Vermont location, and are imported back into the State within 30 days of original transport. The act requires products intended to improve a distinct type of horticultural growing, such as hydroponic growing, to register with the Agency. The act requires persons who are in the business of selling, installing, or distributing nursery stock to obtain a nursery dealer license. The act repeals the requirements that the Agency compensate owners of nursery stock when the stock is ordered to be destroyed due to disease or infestation. The act also extends for one year the sales tax exemption on advanced wood boilers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023, except that the extension of the sales tax exemption on advanced wood boilers takes effect June 30, 2023.