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**Act No. 160 (H.877). An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

**Subjects: Water quality; agriculture; fertilizer; weights and measures; pesticide certification**

The act amends the Farm Agronomic Practices Program at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) to clarify how financial assistance will be provided under the Program, including for what practices assistance will be provided to agricultural service providers or to nonprofit organizations providing training. The act authorizes AAFM to use the uniform regulation for national type evaluation as a State standard for weights and measures. The act amends definitions related to regulation of contagious animal diseases for purposes of consistency in definitions across statute.

The act authorizes AAFM to allow for pesticide certification or licensing exams to be conducted electronically by a private vendor for a fee. The act clarifies that distribution of a fertilizer, a plant amendment, a plant biostimulant, a soil amendment, or lime regulated by AAFM includes sale through any means, including sales outlets, catalogues, the telephone, the internet, or any electronic means.

The act authorizes municipalities to regulate by means of an ordinance the control of livestock running at large. The act also updates the fines that may be assessed for livestock running at large and clarifies that the fines may be assessed per animal by a law enforcement officer or municipal officer.

The act amends the definition of hemp products under the agricultural hemp statutes to clarify that products that the Cannabis Control Board by rule designated as regulated cannabis products are not hemp products and that products containing more than 0.3 percent total tetrahydrocannabinol on a dry-weight basis are also not hemp products. The act also provides that a building that is used for outdoor cultivation of cannabis by a licensed person shall not be regulated as a public building if the licensee has fewer than the equivalent of 10 full-time employees who are not family members and who do not work more than 26 weeks a year.

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