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## Fiscal Note

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### **H.877 – An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

**As Introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry**

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**his bill would make various changes to provisions relating to agriculture, including:

- Expanding eligibility requirements for the Farm Agronomic Practices Program
- Adopting additional national weights and measures standards
- Creating a fee for electronic and alternative testing services for pesticide certification or licensing examinations
- Changing regulation of fertilizer, limes, plant and soil amendments, and plant biostimulants

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) estimates the bill would have a negligible positive revenue for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Pesticide Monitoring Special Fund. The fee amount associated with electronic testing services is not specified in the bill, but the amount of revenue that would be generated would be contingent on the cost of the electronic testing service. The fee would be designed to cover any convenience fee a contractor charges the Agency to use the service. The Agency has not yet released an RFP for this service, so this cost is currently unknown.

Changes to the Farm Agronomic Practices Program do not have a fiscal impact, as this language would only widen eligibility.