

HOUSE BILL No. 1181

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-15.

Synopsis: Horticultural matters. Provides that the state seed commissioner shall use certain federal agricultural and vegetable seed standards as the state germination standards and requirements for agricultural and vegetable seeds. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-15-1-28, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 28. (a) The state seed commissioner may by rule
4 define seed labeling and testing terms in common usage such as "pure
5 seed" and "germination".

6 (b) A rule adopted by the state seed commissioner under this section
7 must be based on published sources such as the rules of the Association
8 of Official Seed Analysts.

9 (c) **The state seed commissioner shall apply the agricultural and
10 vegetable seed standards set forth in 7 CFR 201 as the state
11 germination standards and requirements for agricultural and
12 vegetable seed.**

13 SECTION 2. IC 15-15-13-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2019,
14 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 14. ~~(a)~~ The state seed commissioner shall adopt
16 rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement and administer this chapter.

17 (b) ~~The state seed commissioner may adopt emergency rules in the~~



1 manner provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to comply with any federal
2 requirement under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to
3 implement and administer this chapter.

