

# HOUSE BILL No. 1350

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-15-1-40.

**Synopsis:** Agricultural seed testing. Prohibits a person from distributing agricultural or vegetable seed if the test to determine the percentage of germination has not been completed within the 12 month period before distribution. (Current law requires the test to be performed within nine months of distribution.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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## Baird, Lehe, Gutwein

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January 15, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

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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 15-15-1-40, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008,  
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 40. A person may not distribute agricultural or  
4 vegetable seed within Indiana if any of the following apply:  
5 (1) If the test to determine the percentage of germination (as  
6 defined by rule adopted under section 28 of this chapter) required  
7 by sections 32 and 33 of this chapter has not been completed  
8 within a ~~nine (9)~~ **twelve (12)** month period, not including the  
9 calendar month in which the test was completed immediately  
10 before distribution. However, the state seed commissioner may by  
11 rule designate:  
12 (A) a shorter period for a kind of agricultural or vegetable seed  
13 that the state seed commissioner finds under ordinary  
14 conditions of handling will not maintain, during a ~~nine (9)~~  
15 **twelve (12)** month period, a germination within the  
16 established tolerance limits; or



- 1 (B) a longer period for a kind of agricultural or vegetable seed  
2 that is packaged in such container materials and under such  
3 conditions prescribed by the state seed commissioner that the  
4 state seed commissioner finds will, during the longer period,  
5 maintain the viability of the seed under ordinary conditions of  
6 handling.
- 7 (2) If the seed is not labeled in accordance with this chapter.  
8 (3) If the seed carries labeling that is false or misleading in any  
9 particular.
- 10 (4) If the seed contains or consists of prohibited noxious weed  
11 seed.
- 12 (5) If the seed consists of or contains restricted noxious weed seed  
13 in excess of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%). If less than  
14 one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) of weed seed by weight is  
15 present, the number per pound must be declared on the labeling.
- 16 (6) If the seed contains more than two and one-half percent  
17 (2.5%) of all weed seed.
- 18 (7) If the seed is represented to be "certified seed", "registered  
19 seed", or "foundation seed", the seed has not been produced and  
20 labeled in accordance with the procedures and in compliance with  
21 rules of an official or officially recognized seed certification or  
22 registration agency.
- 23 (8) If the inoculant applied to pre-inoculated seed is ineffective as  
24 determined by standards established by rule.

