



February 18, 2014

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**ENGROSSED**  
**SENATE BILL No. 186**

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DIGEST OF SB 186 (Updated February 13, 2014 10:04 am - DI 84)

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-11.

**Synopsis:** State policy on agriculture and farmers' rights. Declares the state policy on agriculture and farmers' rights.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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**Yoder, Banks, Kruse, Holdman,  
Waterman, Hershman, Steele,  
Young R**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — LEHE, FRIEND, KUBACKI)

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January 8, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

January 14, 2014, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 16, 2014, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 23, 2014, read third time, passed. Yeas 40, nays 8.

HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

February 17, 2014, reported — Do Pass.

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ES 186—LS 6651/DI 109





February 18, 2014

Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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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 15-11-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2008,  
2 SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) **The general assembly declares that it is**  
4 **the policy of the state to conserve, protect, and encourage the**  
5 **development and improvement of agriculture, agricultural**  
6 **businesses, and agricultural land for the production of food, fuel,**  
7 **fiber, and other agricultural products. The Indiana Code shall be**  
8 **construed to protect the rights of farmers to choose among all**  
9 **generally accepted farming and livestock production practices,**  
10 **including the use of ever changing technology.**

11 (b) The department shall promote the growth of agricultural  
12 businesses by doing the following:

- 13 (1) Assisting agricultural businesses with the permit process  
14 required to conduct business in Indiana.  
15 (2) Serving as a liaison between agricultural businesses, state  
16 agencies, and local units of government.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 186, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 186 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

Senator Yoder, Chairperson

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred Senate Bill 186, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 186 as printed January 15, 2014.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 1

Representative Lehe

