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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - COMMERCIAL FEEDS

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Gallison, Walsh, and Keable

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 4-2-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-2 entitled "Commercial  
2           Feeds" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **4-2-4. Registration.** -- (a) No person shall manufacture a commercial feed in this state,  
4           unless he or she has filed with the director on forms provided by the director, his or her name,  
5           place of business and location of each manufacturing facility in this state.

6           (b) No person shall distribute in this state a commercial feed except a customer formula  
7           feed, which has not been registered pursuant to this section. The application for registration,  
8           accompanied by a ~~sixty dollar (\$60.00)~~ one hundred dollar (\$100) per brand registration fee, shall  
9           be submitted in the manner prescribed by the director, on forms furnished by the director. A tag,  
10          label, or facsimile for each brand to be registered must accompany the application. Upon approval  
11          by the director, the registration shall be issued to the applicant. All registrations expire on the 31st  
12          day of December of each year.

13          (c) The director is empowered to refuse registration of any commercial feed not in  
14          compliance with this chapter and to cancel any registration subsequently found not to be in  
15          compliance with any provisions of this chapter provided, that no registration shall be refused or  
16          canceled unless the registrant has been given an opportunity to be heard before the director and to  
17          amend his or her application in order to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

18          (d) Changes of either chemical or ingredient composition of a registered commercial  
19          feed may be permitted with no new registration required provided there is satisfactory evidence

1 that those changes would not result in a lowering of the guaranteed analysis of the product for the  
2 purpose for which designed, and provided a new label is submitted to the director notifying the  
3 director of the change.

4 (e) ~~All~~ Sixty percent (60%) of the moneys received by the director under this chapter  
5 shall be deposited as general revenues and shall consist of sixty percent (60%) of the ~~all fertilizer~~  
6 ~~registration and tonnage fees paid pursuant to sections 2-7-4 and 2-7-6 and~~ fees paid pursuant to  
7 section 4-2-4. Forty percent (40%) of the moneys received by the director under this chapter shall  
8 be deposited in the local agriculture and seafood small grants and technical assistance fund  
9 pursuant to section 2-25-6 for the administration of the local agriculture and seafood small grants  
10 and technical assistance program pursuant to section 2-25-5.

11 (f) All moneys appropriated for the feed and fertilizer quality testing program shall be  
12 made available for the following purposes:

13 (1) To support the feed and fertilizer testing laboratory for the testing and analysis of  
14 commercial feeds distributed within this state for the expressed purpose of detection of  
15 deficiency.

16 (2) For payment of ancillary services, personnel and equipment incurred in order to carry  
17 out the purposes of quality assurance defined by this chapter.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would increase the commercial feed registration fee and amends the distribution
- 2           and/or deposit process for funds generated pursuant to this chapter.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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