

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

Whereas, the Plant Industries Division of the Missouri Department of Agriculture is responsible for administering several programs and corresponding provisions of law; and

Whereas, such programs include the Feed, Seed, and Treated Timber Program; the Produce Safety Program; the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program; the Pesticide Program; the Plant Pest Control Program; and the Integrated Pest Management Program; and

Whereas, persons requiring licenses from each program are required to pay associated fees for such license, with such fees supporting the administration of such programs; and

Whereas, a review of all fees supporting the Plant Industries Division shall be reviewed in order to ensure fairness to persons assessed fees by the Division:

Now therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish the "Joint Committee on the Review of the Plant Industries Division" to examine the administration of, and fees assessed by, the Plant Industries Division; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee on the Review of the Plant Industries Division shall be composed of five members of the Senate, with no more than three members of one party, and seven members of the House of Representatives, with no more than four members of one party. The Senate members of the Joint Committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the House members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. All members shall be members of a standing agriculture committee within their respective chamber. The Joint Committee shall select either a chairperson or co-chairpersons, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and one a member of the House of Representatives. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Joint Committee may be called at such time and place as the chairperson or chairpersons designate, but the Joint Committee shall hold at least two public meetings; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee may hold hearings as it deems advisable and may obtain any input or information necessary to fulfill its obligations. The Joint Committee may make reasonable requests for staff assistance from the research and appropriations staffs of the House and Senate, as well as the Department of Agriculture; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee shall prepare a final report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary, for submission to the General Assembly by November 30, 2018, at which time the Joint Committee shall be dissolved; and

Be It Further Resolved that members of the Joint Committee and any staff personnel assigned to the Joint Committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Joint Committee; and

Be It Further Resolved that the actual expenses of the Joint Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Committee incurred by the Joint Committee shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Joint Committee is authorized to function during the legislative interim between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly and the First Regular Session of the One-hundredth General Assembly through December 31, 2018, as recognized in State v. Atterbury, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957).

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