

SENATE, No. 196

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator SINGER

1 AN ACT concerning certain animal health programs administered by  
2 the Department of Agriculture and supplementing Title 4 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The State Board of Agriculture may adopt, pursuant to the  
9 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
10 seq.), rules and regulations establishing a schedule in accordance with  
11 which the board may charge reasonable fees to defray the cost of:

12 (1) Animal disease diagnostic and testing services conducted  
13 pursuant to R.S.4:5-1 et seq.; and

14 (2) Animal health tests deemed necessary by the State Board of  
15 Agriculture.

16 b. Any fees established by the State Board of Agriculture pursuant  
17 to this section shall supersede all prior animal testing and diagnostic  
18 service fees on the date of the State Board of Agriculture's adoption  
19 of new fees pursuant to this section.

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21 2. a. There is hereby created in the Department of Agriculture a  
22 non-lapsing revolving fund to be known as the "Agriculture Fee  
23 Program Revolving Fund," hereinafter referred to as the fund, to be  
24 held separate and apart from all other funds of the State. All fees  
25 collected pursuant to section 1 of this act shall be deposited into the  
26 fund and appropriated annually by the Legislature based on estimates  
27 provided annually by the Director of Budget and Accounting in the  
28 Office of Management and Budget. All moneys appropriated from the  
29 fund shall be dedicated to the support of the program for which they  
30 were collected. All earnings received from the investment or deposit  
31 of moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

32 b. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture may adopt,  
33 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
34 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations necessary for the  
35 implementation of the provisions of this section.

1       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill would authorize the State Board of Agriculture to establish  
7 and charge reasonable fees for animal disease diagnostic and testing  
8 services and animal health tests deemed necessary by the board.

9       The schedule of fees would be adopted by the State Board of  
10 Agriculture pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
11 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), and would supercede any other fees being  
12 charged by the board prior to the effective date of the schedule.

13       The bill also creates the "Agricultural Fee Program Revolving  
14 Fund," from which moneys would be appropriated annually based on  
15 estimates provided in the department's annual budget request. These  
16 moneys would be used to support the activities of the program for  
17 which the monies were collected.

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23 Authorizes State Board of Agriculture to establish fees for certain  
animal testing services.