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Substitute House Bill No. 5078

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have authority to cooperate
4 with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary
5 Services, of the United States Department of Agriculture in any
6 national [system] plan adopted by said department or service for the
7 control and eradication of [bovine tuberculosis or any contagious or
8 infectious disease of any bovine animal] livestock and avian
9 contagious or infectious diseases. Said commissioner may accept from
10 the United States such assistance, financial or otherwise, for the
11 condemnation of diseased animals, for remunerating the owners
12 thereof and for carrying out the provisions of this chapter [and chapter
13 432,] as may be available from time to time. Upon the acceptance of
14 said [system] national plan by the Governor, after consultation with

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected
GF - None	Department of Agriculture

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill codifies current practice of the Department of Agriculture with regard to control and eradication of livestock and avian contagious and infectious disease and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL**SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the agriculture commissioner to control, as well as eradicate animal diseases when cooperating with any national disease control plan adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (hereafter USDA). It also expands this authority. By law, the commissioner has the authority to cooperate with a USDA national system for eradicating bovine tuberculosis or any infectious or contagious disease of any bovine animal, and has the same authority for the eradication of avian (bird) diseases. The bill expands the commissioner's areas of cooperation to include all livestock and adds all contagious and infectious diseases to the scope of these plans.

The bill requires the governor to consult with the commissioner before accepting ones of these plans. It authorizes USDA officials to perform the duties associated with the national plan only after the commissioner requests that they do so. These duties include inspecting, quarantining, and condemning diseased animals, as well as giving them permission to enter any grounds or premises to perform such duties. Under current law, the inspectors can carry out these duties once the governor accepts the plan.

The bill authorizes the commissioner to call upon law enforcement officials, including state and municipal police officials, to assist the USDA officials in carrying out these duties and requires the law enforcement officials to offer assistance when called. Current law permits the USDA officials to call upon constables for assistance.

The bill makes conforming and technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 27 Nay 0

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 0

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 24 Nay 0