



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 852

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAIR PRICING OF MILK.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2003,
2 and annually thereafter, the Milk Regulation Board, as established
3 under section 22-131 of the general statutes, shall review the milk
4 market in the state and by October 1, 2003, and annually thereafter,
5 determine whether: (1) Milk is affordable to consumers in the state; (2)
6 there are adequate retail sources for milk in the state; (3) sufficient
7 processing capacity exists in the state to meet the milk needs of the
8 state; and (4) farmers are receiving an adequate price for milk. Such
9 determination shall also include any recommendations for
10 administrative, legislative or other action to ensure a competitive and
11 responsive milk market. The Milk Regulation Board shall report, in
12 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of
13 such review and determination to the joint standing committee of the
14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
15 environment.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Department of Agriculture	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Requiring the Milk Regulation Board to annually review the milk market in the state could increase the number of meetings held by the Board. This could result in a minimal cost to the state. The Board currently must hold quarterly meetings and each of the six public members is eligible to receive \$75 per meeting. The total dollars per member is capped at \$750 per year for a potential total state cost of \$4,500.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Milk Regulation Board, by July 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, to review the state's milk market and to determine by October 1 that (1) milk is affordable to state consumers, (2) there are enough retail outlets for it, (3) sufficient processing capacity exists for the state's needs, and (4) farmers are adequately paid for it.

The board must recommend any administrative, legislative, or other action to ensure a competitive, responsive market and report its findings to the Environment Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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