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sHB-6726

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK AND CERTAIN RABBIT PROCESSING FACILITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which revises livestock laws, is anticipated to result in a potential cost and a potential revenue gain to the Judicial Department, beginning in FY 24, associated with a change to certain violations.

Section 25 imposes a penalty for misleading or attempting to mislead DoAg by altering a livestock's identification or falsifying a certificate of veterinary inspection, beginning in FY 23. A violator is subject to a \$250 fine for a first violation and a class D misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation. The new class D misdemeanor charge results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department and a potential revenue gain from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800 each year. The section includes other changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

Section 27 requires DoAg to inspect rabbit processing facilities, beginning in FY 24, which results in no fiscal impact. As only a few new

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rabbit processing facilities are expected, existing staff that currently inspect small-scale poultry processing facilities can also inspect these new facilities.

The bill makes other minor, technical, and conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations that occur.