

HB 588 -- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FEES (Rone)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to convene a work group every five years to review all fees charged by the department and submit a report to the General Assembly on any recommended changes to the fees. The bill also increases the fees for several programs and licenses within the department's Plant Industries Division.

In addition, every pesticide which is distributed or sold in Missouri must be registered with the Department of Agriculture and pay an annual fee product registered. The department director would be allowed to deposit up to 7% of the fee into the Pesticide Education Fund to be used for pesticide applicator certification programs, pesticide education programs, and pesticide waste and container disposal programs.