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REGULATE SALE OF MAPLE SYRUP

House Bill 4334

Sponsor: Rep. Gary L. Randall

Committee: Agriculture & Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4334 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-95

The bill would create a new act to prohibit persons from selling, offering or displaying for sale, or possessing with intent to sell, maple syrup in retail packages unless it conformed to U.S. standards for table maple syrup prescribed by federal rules. The bill would authorize the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Act establishing a seal of quality for maple syrup that met or exceeded the standards set forth in the bill. Also, the department would administer the bill and enforce its provisions in the same manner as it currently enforces the Michigan Food Law.

If the department issued a maple syrup seal of quality, use of it in a manner inconsistent with promulgated rules would be a violation of the bill. Someone who violated the bill or promulgated rules would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be jailed for up to 90 days, fined up to \$100, or both. In addition to these penalties, the department could apply to circuit court for injunctive relief to restrain someone from violating the bill or promulgated rules, whether or not an adequate remedy at law existed.

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