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House Bill 5160 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Joel Sheltrown

House Committee: Agriculture

Senate Committee: Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 153 of 1975 (which deals with marketing fees for purchasers of fruits and vegetables) to allow, rather than require, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to promulgate administrative rules.

Under the Act, the MDA must promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. The bill would allow the MDA to promulgate such rules.

The bill also would require the Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, rather than the MDA Director, to appoint hearing officers to hear complaints of violations of the Act.

MCL 290.692 Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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