

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5347

A bill to amend 2000 PA 316, entitled  
"Michigan organic products act,"  
by amending section 21 (MCL 286.921).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 21. (1) By promulgation of rules pursuant to the  
2       administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
3       24.328, the director ~~shall~~ **MAY** adopt standards that meet or  
4       exceed the standards for organic products of the United States  
5       department of agriculture agricultural marketing service, or  
6       equivalent national organic program. The standards shall include a  
7       list of prohibited substances. In no case shall this act, the  
8       standards, or both, permit the use of synthetic chemicals,  
9       genetically modified organisms, sewage sludge, ionizing radiation,  
10      or any combination of those substances. The director shall consult

1 with the organic advisory committee regarding the development of  
2 and changes to the Michigan organic standards. The director may  
3 adopt additional standards that he or she determines necessary,  
4 including, but not limited to, protecting the waters of this state,  
5 the state natural resources, or the integrity of organic  
6 agriculture.

7 (2) ~~Until the effective date of rules adopted under~~  
8 ~~subsection (1), the international standards of the organic crop~~  
9 ~~improvement association international, as revised February 1999,~~  
10 ~~and the certification standards of the organic growers of Michigan,~~  
11 ~~as revised March 7, 2000 and adopted May 28, 2000, are adopted by~~  
12 ~~reference as interim standards.~~ **THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN 7 CFR**  
13 **PART 205, NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM, ARE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** The  
14 director may adopt any other standards he or she determines  
15 substantially equivalent upon 10 days' notification of such  
16 determination on the department internet website, or other form of  
17 notice considered appropriate by the director and designed to  
18 inform the industry and general public.