

Legislative Analysis



FOOD LAW EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PRODUCERS OF HONEY, MAPLE SYRUP, AND SHELL EGGS

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House Bill 6657 (Substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Andy Meisner
Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6657 REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

The bill would provide an exemption from the licensing requirements of the Food Law to a retail outlet and processing facilities for honey producers of honey, maple syrup, and shell eggs with gross sales of \$15,000 or less.

Currently, there is an exemption for retail outlets that sell prepackaged honey or maple syrup produced in Michigan if the outlet is operated by the producer and the processing facility is licensed under the act the bill would add "shell eggs" to that provision.

MCL 289.4105

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

Michigan Food and Farming Systems and the Michigan Farmers Market Association provided written testimony in support of licensure exemptions for small-scale honey, maple syrup, and shell egg producers. (12-2-08)

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