

SENATE BILL No. 108

February 7, 2017, Introduced by Senators HUNE and WARREN and referred to the
Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to provide for the regulation of livestock raised in
urban and suburban areas; and to prescribe the powers and duties of
certain state and local agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "urban
2 agriculture act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Advisory committee" means the urban livestock advisory
5 committee appointed under section 3.

6 (b) "Commission" means the commission of agriculture and rural
7 development.

8 (c) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural
9 development.

10 (d) "Livestock" means those species of animals used for human

1 food, fiber, and fur, or used for service to humans. Livestock
2 includes, but is not limited to, cattle, sheep, New World camelids,
3 goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites, swine, equines,
4 poultry, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs or cats.

5 (e) "Local unit of government" means a county, township, city,
6 or village.

7 (f) "Urban and suburban" means geographic areas where
8 residential, commercial, and industrial uses represent the primary
9 land uses.

10 Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall appoint an urban livestock
11 advisory committee to advise it on the production of livestock in
12 urban and suburban areas. The advisory committee shall consist of
13 representatives from the state, local units of government,
14 academia, subject matter experts, and urban and suburban
15 agricultural producers. The commission shall make an effort to
16 appoint individuals who will provide a diverse representation of
17 race, gender, age, and geographic location throughout the state.

18 (2) The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

19 (a) Develop recommended guidelines related to raising
20 livestock in urban and suburban areas, including, but not limited
21 to, all of the following:

22 (i) Soil sampling and evaluation.

23 (ii) Livestock health.

24 (iii) Livestock housing.

25 (iv) Waste and manure management.

26 (v) Livestock slaughter and euthanasia.

27 (vi) Pest control.

1 (b) Evaluate potential conflicts between livestock production
2 and residential uses in urban and suburban areas and potential
3 resolutions to those conflicts.

4 (c) Make recommendations to the department on how it can
5 encourage and provide technical support for urban and suburban
6 livestock production.

7 (d) Submit reports to the commission on the advisory
8 committee's findings and recommendations.

9 (e) Review and make recommendations on the implementation of
10 this act and, at the request of the commission, review other
11 related topics.

12 Sec. 4. (1) Upon receipt of the recommendations of the
13 advisory committee, the commission shall establish guidelines for
14 raising livestock in urban and suburban areas.

15 (2) Beginning 5 years after the commission establishes
16 guidelines under subsection (1), and biennially thereafter, the
17 commission shall review the guidelines and modify the guidelines as
18 appropriate.

19 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
20 date it is enacted into law.