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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 93 (as introduced 2-20-25)  
Sponsor: Senator Sam Singh  
Committee: Natural Resources and Agriculture

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Food Law to increase, from \$15,001 to \$25,000, the gross sales threshold at which a honey or maple syrup producer's retail outlet and processing facility would no longer be exempt from licensure under the Law.**

Generally, the Law prohibits a person from operating a food establishment unless licensed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Certain cottage food operations, including retail outlets and processing facilities for honey and maple syrup, among other sellers and establishments, are exempt from licensure.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, the Law exempts from licensure retail outlets selling prepacked honey or maple syrup produced in the State if the outlet is operated by the producer and the processing facility is licensed under the Law. Both retail outlets and processing facilities are exempt from licensure for producers with gross sales of \$15,001 or less of honey or maple syrup. In such case, the honey and maple syrup must have labeling substantially similar to the label for cottage food products, which must have an ingredients and allergen list, among other things.

The bill would modify the provision above to specify that retail outlets and processing facilities would be exempt from licensure for producers with gross sales that did not exceed the gross sale limitation for cottage food products described in Section 4102(5) for honey and maple syrup.

(Section 4102(5) prescribes that the gross sales of cottage food products by a food operation must not exceed \$25,000 annually. Gross sales must be computed on the basis of the amount of gross sales within a particular domestic residence and must not be computed on a per-person basis within that residence.)

MCL 289.4105

**PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

*(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)*

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 882 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 882 passed the Senate and was reported by the House Committee on Agriculture but received no further action.

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<sup>1</sup> "Cottage food products" means a food that is not potentially hazardous and includes jams, jellies, dried fruit, candy, cereal, granola, dry mixes, vinegar, dried herbs, and baked goods that do not require temperature control for safety.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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