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PERMIT FOR AQUACULTURE UNDER ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT

House Bill 5566

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Committee: Agriculture & Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5566 AS INTRODUCED 2-8-96

The Animal Industry Act governs domestic food animal health, and currently specifies that all livestock imported into the state, except aquaculture, must be accompanied by various certificates, an owner-shipper statement or sales invoice, a sales report (for poultry), and certain permits. The bill would eliminate the exception for aquaculture and provides that aquaculture imported into the state would have to be accompanied by a fish-disease information report.

Under the bill, a person could not import aquaculture into the state without a prior entry permit from the director of the Department of Agriculture and one of the following issued by an accredited veterinarian or a fish health official:

- * An official interstate health certificate;
- * An official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection; or
- * A fish-disease inspection report.

Aquaculture from a hatchery or other facility with a record of an emergency fish disease within the past two years, and aquaculture exhibiting clinical signs of disease, could not be imported into the state.

The bill also would repeal a section of the act that permits the director, for purposes of controlling and eradicating poultry diseases in the state, to assure that each commercial hatchery and hatchery supply flock within the state qualifies as being free of certain poultry diseases as provided by the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

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