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House Bill 4663 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Ben Glardon

House Committee: Agriculture

Senate Committee: Agriculture

CONTENT

The bill would repeal Public Act 35 of 1941, which provides for the voluntary recording and registration of farm names and prescribes a penalty for the unlawful use of a farm's recorded name.

Under the Act, a person wishing to have the name of his or her farm recorded must apply on a form supplied by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and pay a recording fee of \$1. The transfer of a registration upon conveyance of a farm and the cancellation of a registration each require a fee of 50 cents. Fees received under the Act must be credited to the General Fund.

After a farm has been registered, no one, except the owner of the farm or the farm's tenant, agent, or employee, may advertise under the registered name, or use that name for any livestock or farm crops. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$100 and/or up to 30 days' imprisonment. In addition, a violator is liable to the owner of the farm.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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