EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1965 (EXCERPT)
Act 380 of 1965
CHAPTER 8
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

16.275 Department of agriculture; creation.
   Sec. 175. There is hereby created a department of agriculture.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.276 Head of department of agriculture.
   Sec. 176. The head of the department of agriculture is the commission of agriculture.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.277 Department of agriculture; transfer.
   Sec. 177. The department of agriculture, created under section 1 of Act No. 13 of the Public Acts of 1921, as amended, being section 285.1 of the Public Acts of 1948, is transferred by a type I transfer to the department of agriculture.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.278 Director of agriculture; transfer of powers, duties, and functions to head of department.
   Sec. 178. All powers, duties and functions now vested by law in the director of agriculture are transferred by a type I transfer to the head of the department of agriculture.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.279 Commission of agriculture; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; election of officers; quorum; conducting business at public meeting; notice.
   Sec. 179. The commission of agriculture shall consist of 5 members, not more than 3 of whom shall be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office of each member shall be 4 years, except that of members first appointed 2 shall be appointed for 1 year, 1 shall be appointed for 2 years, 1 shall be appointed for 3 years, and 1 shall be appointed for 4 years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term. The commission shall elect from its members officers as it considers advisable. A majority of the commission members shall be required to constitute a quorum. The business which the commission of agriculture may perform shall be conducted at a meeting of the commission held in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.280 Director of department of agriculture; appointment by commission.
   Sec. 180. The principal executive officer of the department is the director of the department of agriculture. The director shall be appointed by the commission and serve at its pleasure.
   Popular name: Act 380

   Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to transfer of Michigan weather service to department of agriculture.
   Popular name: Act 380

16.282 State soil conservation committee; transfer.
   Sec. 182. The state soil conservation committee created under Act No. 297 of the Public Acts of 1937, as amended, being sections 282.1 to 282.16 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is transferred by a type II transfer to
the department of agriculture.


**Popular name:** Act 380

### 16.283 Commodity commissions and councils; transfer.
Sec. 183. The following commissions and councils are transferred by a type I transfer to the department of agriculture.

(a) The Michigan state apple commission created by Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being sections 290.51 to 290.66 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.


**Popular name:** Act 380

### 16.284 Office of racing commissioner; transfer.
Sec. 184. The office of racing commissioner under the provisions of Act No. 27 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended, being sections 431.31 to 431.56 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is transferred by a type I transfer to the department of agriculture.


**Popular name:** Act 380

### 16.285 State fair authority; transfer.
Sec. 185. The Michigan state fair authority created by Act No. 224 of the Public Acts of 1962, being sections 291.21 to 291.37 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is transferred by a type II transfer to the department of agriculture.


**Popular name:** Act 380

### 16.286 Upper Peninsula state fair board of managers; transfer.
Sec. 186. The board of managers of the Upper Peninsula state fair created by Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being sections 285.141 and 285.142 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, is transferred by a type II transfer to the department of agriculture.


**Popular name:** Act 380

### 16.287 State agricultural society transferred to department of agriculture.
Sec. 187. The Michigan state agricultural society created by Act No. 180 of the Public Acts of 1849, being sections 453.51 to 453.53 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is transferred by a type III transfer to the department of agriculture.


**Popular name:** Act 380