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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senator Stamas

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1208

AN ACT to amend 2001 PA 266, entitled "An act to regulate the production, transportation, handling, processing, delivery, and sale of grade A milk and milk products; to define grade A milk and milk products and to establish standards and requirements for grade A milk and milk products; to provide for dairy food safety; to provide for the sampling, sampling analysis, and transportation of milk and milk products; to regulate the labeling, manufacture, distribution, and sale of milk and milk products for the protection of the consuming public and to prevent fraud and deception by prohibiting the misbranding, adulteration, manufacture, distribution, and sale of milk and milk products; to provide for enforcement; to provide for licenses and permits and revocation of licenses and permits; to impose certain fees; to require certain security arrangements of milk plants to ensure the prompt payment of producers; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments and officers; to provide for uniform standards and uniform inspection; to provide for promulgation of rules; to provide for certain remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 288.471 to 288.540) by adding section 33a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 33a. (1) Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section and notwithstanding the license and permit fees imposed under sections 31 and 33, the department shall issue an initial or renewal license or permit for regulated activities described in sections 31 and 33, other than a grade A dairy farm or a certified industry farm inspector, not later than 90 days after the applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the application is considered the date the application is received by any agency or department of the state of Michigan.

(2) If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing, or make information electronically available, within 30 days after receipt of the incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting the additional information. The 90-day period is tolled upon notification by the department of a deficiency until the date the requested information is received by the department. The determination of the completeness of an application does not operate as an approval of the application for the license or permit and does not confer eligibility of an applicant determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license or permit.

(3) If the department fails to issue or deny a license or permit within the time required by this section, the department shall return the license or permit fee and shall reduce the license or permit fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The failure to issue or deny a license or permit within the time required under this section does not allow the department to otherwise delay the processing of the application, and that application, upon completion, shall be placed in sequence with other completed applications received at that same time. The department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of the application based upon the fact that the license or permit fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection.

(4) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with agricultural and food issues. The director shall include all of the following information in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

(a) The number of initial and renewal applications the department received and completed within the 90-day time period described in subsection (1).

(b) The number of applications denied.

(c) The number of applicants not issued a license or permit within the 90-day time period and the amount of money returned to licensees and permittees under subsection (3).

(5) As used in this section, "completed application" means an application that is complete on its face and submitted with any applicable licensing or permit fees as well as any other information, records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a private entity but not from another department or agency of the state of Michigan. Under appropriate circumstances, completed application includes the completion of construction or renovation of any facility and the passing of a satisfactory inspection.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor