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Introduced by Reps. Hune, Richardville, Shackleton, Stahl, Palsrok, Voorhees, Amos, Taub, LaJoy, Meyer, Garfield, Nitz, DeRoche, Milosch, Pumford, Hummel, Koetje, Steil, Bisbee, Tabor, Shaffer, DeRossett, Ehardt, Gaffney, Newell, Caswell, Walker, Moolenaar, Acciavatti, Kooiman, Hoogendyk, Huizenga, Caul, Nofs and Sheen

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5884

AN ACT to amend 2001 PA 267, entitled "An act to define and regulate milk, cream, frozen desserts, and related foods and by-products of those foods under certain circumstances; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state agencies and officers; to prohibit the sale of unclean and unsanitary milk and manufactured dairy products and their use in the manufacture of food products; to prohibit unclean and unsanitary conditions of milk and milk processing establishments; to establish production and handling standards of sanitary milk and dairy products for manufacturing and manufactured dairy products; to regulate the sale and transportation of milk and dairy products for manufacturing purposes; to issue licenses and permits to certain persons and provide for the revocation or suspension of licenses and permits under certain circumstances; to impose certain fees; to require certain security devices under certain circumstances; to establish inspection requirements; to promulgate rules; to set certain standards for milk and dairy products, processing, and pasteurization; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 288.561 to 288.740) by adding section 110a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 110a. (1) Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection and notwithstanding the license and permit fees imposed under section 110, the department shall issue an initial or renewal license or permit for regulated activities described in section 110 other than a manufacturing grade dairy farm, 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. If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing, or make the 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.

(2) 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 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 fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection.

(3) 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:

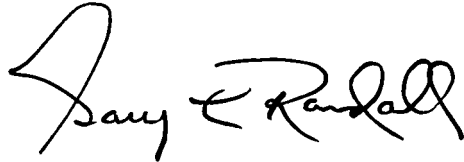
(a) The number of initial and renewal applications the department received and completed within the 90-day time period described in subsection (1).

(b) The number of applications denied.

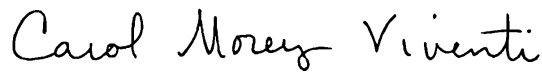
(c) The number of applicants not issued a license or permit within the 90-day time period and the amount of money returned to licensees and permittees under subsection (2).

(4) As used in this section, "completed application" means an application 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.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____

Governor