



SENATE BILL No. 1031

September 6, 2016, Introduced by Senators WARREN and HUNE and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to provide for the regulation of livestock raised in urban and suburban areas; to authorize zoning; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "urban
2 agriculture act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Advisory committee" means the urban livestock advisory
5 committee appointed under section 3.

6 (b) "Commission" means the commission of agriculture and rural
7 development.

8 (c) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural
9 development.

1 (d) "Director" means the director of the department.

2 (e) "Livestock" means those species of animals used for human
3 food, fiber, and fur, or used for service to humans. Livestock
4 includes, but is not limited to, cattle, sheep, New World camelids,
5 goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites, swine, equines,
6 poultry, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs or cats.

7 (f) "Local unit of government" means a county, township, city,
8 or village.

9 (g) "Urban and suburban" means geographic areas where
10 residential, commercial, and industrial uses represent the primary
11 land uses.

12 Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall appoint an urban livestock
13 advisory committee to advise it on the production of livestock in
14 urban and suburban areas. The advisory committee shall consist of
15 representatives from the state, local units of government,
16 academia, subject matter experts, and urban and suburban
17 agricultural producers. The commission shall make an effort to
18 appoint individuals who will provide a diverse representation of
19 race, gender, age, and geographic location throughout the state.

20 (2) The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Develop recommended guidelines related to raising
22 livestock in urban and suburban areas, including, but not limited
23 to, all of the following:

24 (i) Soil sampling and evaluation.

25 (ii) Livestock health.

26 (iii) Livestock housing.

27 (iv) Waste and manure management.

1 (v) Livestock slaughter and euthanasia.

2 (vi) Pest control.

3 (b) Evaluate potential conflicts between livestock production
4 and residential uses in urban and suburban areas and potential
5 resolutions to those conflicts.

6 (c) Make recommendations to the department on how it can
7 encourage and provide technical support for urban and suburban
8 livestock production.

9 (d) Submit reports to the commission on the advisory
10 committee's findings and recommendations.

11 (e) Review and make recommendations on the implementation of
12 this act and, at the request of the commission, review other
13 related topics.

14 Sec. 4. (1) Upon receipt of the recommendations of the
15 advisory committee, the commission shall establish guidelines for
16 raising livestock in urban and suburban areas.

17 (2) Beginning 5 years after the commission establishes
18 guidelines under subsection (1), and biennially thereafter, the
19 commission shall review the guidelines and modify the guidelines as
20 appropriate.

21 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
22 date it is enacted into law.