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Fiscal Note

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S.301 – An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

As recommended by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Draft 1.5

Bill Summary

This bill would make various changes to agricultural regulations, including adjusting the types of businesses that pay public warehouse and milk handler fees, restricting the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, and amending Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation (VACC) statute to add forest product businesses and farm housing as eligible recipients of credit.

Fiscal Impact

JFO estimates the bill would have a negligible Special Fund revenue impact. According to information from the Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (AAFM) an additional 4 businesses may need a \$125 public warehouse license due to proposed changes that would expand the license from fruit to produce storage. There would also be three businesses that currently have a public warehouse license and a milk handler license that would only need the milk handler license under the proposed language. The scope of these changes would not be large enough to significantly impact associated AAFM Special Funds.

Other changes do not have a revenue impact. Changing regulations on second generation anticoagulant rodenticides would require Class B pesticide dealers to register as Class A dealers, but the fee amount between these two classes is the same. The Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation does not currently receive state funds.