

Agriculture

H.B. 364

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Dobos and Klopfenstein

Effective date: April 9, 2025

- Exempts certain noncommercial seed sharing activities from the laws governing seed labeling, permitting, inspection, advertising, and sales reporting.
- Aligns the list of weeds that must be removed from a toll road, railroad, or electric railway to the list of noxious weeds that must be removed from other roads and road rights-of-way, removing such weeds as milkweed, common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, ragweed, and ironweed.

H.B. 503

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Peterson and Jones

Effective date: March 20, 2025

Department of Natural Resources: wild boar and feral swine

- Adds prohibitions to the wildlife law related to wild boar and feral swine, including prohibitions against:
 - Knowingly importing, transporting, or possessing live wild boar or feral swine;
 - Knowingly releasing wild boar or feral swine into the wild or expanding the range of a wild boar or feral swine by introducing it to a new location; and
 - Purposely feeding a wild boar or feral swine.
- Requires a person who knows or has reason to know that wild boar or feral swine are present on public or private property to report that fact to the Division of Wildlife.
- Eliminates wild boar as a game animal, but establishes a process by which a person or the person's agent may immediately eradicate wild boar and feral swine on the person's property without a hunting license if the person or the person's agent notifies the Division and follows Division instructions.

Department of Agriculture: feeding swine

- Eliminates the required annual license to feed treated garbage to swine and, instead, prohibits feeding any garbage to swine, including treated garbage.
- Prohibits a person from bringing into Ohio a swine that has been fed garbage or treated garbage.

- Authorizes the Director of Agriculture to investigate violations of the above prohibitions and to make inquiries into any alleged violation as are necessary to secure compliance with the law governing garbage-fed swine and orders issued under it.
- Allows the Director to assess a civil penalty against a person who violates the act's prohibitions regarding garbage-fed swine, as follows:
 - For a first violation, up to \$500;
 - For each subsequent violation, up to \$1,000.

Agricultural commodity handlers

- For purposes of the definition of “storage” in the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law, retains the definition, but states that it includes unapplied and hold grain tickets.
- Defines “grain bank” for purposes of the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law in addition to defining it for purposes of agricultural commodity transactions as under continuing law.
- Includes a definition of “regular price bid” for purposes of the Agricultural Commodity Handlers Law, but does not use the term in that law.
- Defines “regular price bid” as the current basis bid or cash price of an agricultural commodity handler licensed under that law.