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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION UNDER STATE LAW BY THE**
102 **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE OF FEDERAL PRODUCE SAFETY**
103 **STANDARDS FOR FARMS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill establishes a state law to implement federal regulations covering produce safety on farms. To implement this, the bill:

- ! Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture (commissioner) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the United States food and drug administration and seek, accept, and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- ! expend federal funds;
- ! Provides for the commissioner to cease implementing the law if the commissioner does not receive adequate federal funding;
- ! Requires farms that are covered by federal law, selling more than approximately \$25,000 of produce annually on average over a 3-year period, to register with the commissioner;
- ! Requires the commissioner to promulgate rules adopting 21 CFR 112, concerning produce safety, and gives the commissioner rule-making authority to administer the bill;
- ! Authorizes the commissioner to enter farms and farm facilities during regular business hours to implement or enforce the bill;
- ! Authorizes the commissioner to inspect records during regular business hours to implement or enforce the bill;
- ! Authorizes the commissioner to issue cease-and-desist orders;
- ! Authorizes the commissioner to impose administrative penalties;
- ! If requested, requires the commissioner to hold a hearing to issue a cease-and-desist order or impose an administrative penalty, and this process is subject to judicial review;
- ! Authorizes the commissioner to enforce cease-and-desist orders and administrative penalties in court; and
- ! Repeals these provisions in 2034, but requires a sunset review before the repeal.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-1-104, **amend**
 3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **35-1-104. Functions, powers, and duties.** (1) The department
 5 has and shall exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

6 (b) To perform all regulatory and inspection services relating to
 7 agriculture, except agricultural education and research and those
 8 regulatory functions relating primarily to the control of milk or milk
 9 products ~~or to public health~~ or assigned by law to other state agencies;

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 77 to title

1 35 as follows:

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ARTICLE 77

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Produce Safety

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35-77-101. Legislative declaration. THIS ARTICLE 77 IS ADOPTED

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BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE INTENTION THAT THE

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COMMISSIONER WILL IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE 21 CFR 112, CONCERNING

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PRODUCE SAFETY, UNDER A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE FDA,

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AND IN LIEU OF FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT BY THE FDA. THE COMMISSIONER

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MAY SEEK TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE FDA

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WHEREBY THE COMMISSIONER WILL ASSUME ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

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AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE FDA. THE FIRST AGREEMENT SHOULD

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EXTEND FOR FIVE YEARS. IF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT RENEWED FOR A

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SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT PERIOD, THE COMMISSIONER WILL CEASE

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IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS ARTICLE 77.

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35-77-102. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 77, UNLESS THE

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CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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(1) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF

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AGRICULTURE.

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(2) "COVERED ACTIVITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH

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IN 21 CFR 112.3.

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(3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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(4) "FARM" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN 21 CFR

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112.3.

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(5) "FDA" MEANS THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG

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ADMINISTRATION.

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(6) "PRODUCE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN 21 CFR

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112.3.

1 **35-77-103. Cooperative agreement - federal funding -**
2 **applicability - rules.** (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND
3 EXPEND FEDERAL MONEY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 77. THE
4 COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE
5 FDA TO IMPLEMENT 21 CFR 112 UNDER STATE LAW AND TO SEEK
6 FEDERAL MONEY.

7 (2) IF THE COMMISSIONER DOES NOT RECEIVE ADEQUATE MONEY
8 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE 77,
9 THE COMMISSIONER NEED NOT IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE 77 OR MAY CEASE
10 IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE 77. IF THE COMMISSIONER DOES NOT
11 IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE 77 OR CEASES IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE 77,
12 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE PROVIDING PUBLIC
13 NOTICE THAT THIS ARTICLE 77 IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED AND THAT A
14 FARM NEED NOT REGISTER UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77.

15 **35-77-104. Registration required - rules.** (1) EXCEPT AS
16 PROVIDED IN SECTION 35-77-103, A FARM, INCLUDING A FARM THAT IS
17 INCORPORATED INTO ANOTHER BUSINESS, SHALL REGISTER WITH THE
18 COMMISSIONER IF THE FARM CONDUCTS COVERED ACTIVITY AND THE
19 PRODUCE SOLD DURING THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS BY THE FARM HAS AN
20 AVERAGE ANNUAL MONETARY VALUE OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE
21 THOUSAND DOLLARS, AS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION BY THE FDA UNDER 21
22 CFR 112, USING 2011 AS THE BASELINE YEAR FOR CALCULATING THE
23 ADJUSTMENT. THE AMOUNT THAT TRIGGERS REGISTRATION IS
24 CALCULATED ON A ROLLING BASIS.

25 (2) EACH TIME THE FDA CHANGES THE AMOUNT OF SALES THAT
26 TRIGGERS REGISTRATION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE
27 SETTING FORTH THE NEW AMOUNT OF SALES THAT TRIGGERS

1 REGISTRATION.

2 **35-77-105. Produce safety - rules.** THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
3 PROMULGATE RULES ADOPTING 21 CFR 112 FOR PRODUCE SAFETY
4 STANDARDS FOR FARMS.

5 **35-77-106. Commissioner duties and authority - rules.** (1) THE
6 COMMISSIONER MAY:

7 (a) ADOPT ANY RULE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
8 THIS ARTICLE 77; AND

9 (b) ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE 77 AND ANY RULES
10 ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77.

11 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE
12 COMMISSIONER SHALL CONDUCT HEARINGS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE 77
13 AND, AT THE COMMISSIONER'S DISCRETION, USE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
14 JUDGES TO CONDUCT THE HEARINGS.

15 **35-77-107. Investigation - access to records and facilities.**

16 (1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CLOSE TO PUBLIC INSPECTION
17 INVESTIGATIONS, COMPLAINTS OF RECORD, AND FARM RECORDS; EXCEPT
18 THAT:

19 (a) THE PERSON IN INTEREST, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-72-202,
20 MAY ACCESS THESE RECORDS; OR

21 (b) THE RECORDS MAY BE ACCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
22 COURT ORDER.

23 (2) (a) DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, A FARM SHALL GIVE
24 THE COMMISSIONER ACCESS, UPON THE COMMISSIONER OBTAINING
25 CONSENT OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANT, TO REAL PROPERTY
26 USED FOR, ANY BUILDING USED FOR, OR ANY FACILITY USED FOR
27 ACTIVITIES REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77 IF THE ACCESS IS FOR THE

1 PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THIS ARTICLE 77 OR ANY RULE
2 ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77.

3 (b) DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, A FARM SHALL GIVE THE
4 COMMISSIONER ACCESS TO ALL RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY RULE
5 OF THE COMMISSIONER AND SHALL ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE
6 COPIES OF THE RECORDS IF THE ACCESS OR COPYING IS FOR THE PURPOSE
7 OF IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THIS ARTICLE 77 OR ANY RULE ADOPTED
8 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77.

9 (3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY MAKE ANY INVESTIGATION
10 NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 77.

11 (4) (a) THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

12 (I) ADMINISTER OATHS AND TAKE STATEMENTS;

13 (II) ISSUE SUBPOENAS REQUIRING THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES
14 BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER AND COMPEL THE WITNESSES TO DISCLOSE
15 ALL KNOWN FACTS CONCERNING THE MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION; AND

16 (III) REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, ITEMS, OR
17 INSTRUMENTS.

18 (b) UPON THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF A WITNESS TO OBEY A
19 SUBPOENA COMPELLING THE WITNESS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY OR TO
20 PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY PETITION
21 THE DISTRICT COURT TO COMPEL THE WITNESS TO OBEY THE SUBPOENA.
22 UPON A PROPER SHOWING, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER REQUIRING
23 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA. FAILURE TO OBEY THE COURT'S ORDER
24 IS PUNISHABLE AS A CONTEMPT OF COURT.

25 **35-77-108. Cease-and-desist orders.** (1) (a) THE COMMISSIONER
26 MAY ISSUE AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATING THIS
27 ARTICLE 77 IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES, BASED UPON CREDIBLE

1 EVIDENCE, THAT:

2 (I) A PERSON IS VIOLATING THIS ARTICLE 77 OR A RULE ADOPTED
3 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77; OR

4 (II) A PERSON IS VIOLATING SECTION 35-77-104.

5 (b) TO ISSUE A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER, THE COMMISSIONER
6 MUST SET FORTH IN THE ORDER THE STATUTES OR RULES ALLEGED TO
7 HAVE BEEN VIOLATED, THE FACTS ALLEGED TO CONSTITUTE THE
8 VIOLATION, AND A REQUIREMENT THAT THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS CEASE
9 AND DESIST.

10 (c) TO PROTEST A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER, A PERSON MUST
11 REQUEST WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ORDER A HEARING
12 ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE PERSON HAS VIOLATED THIS ARTICLE
13 77 OR A RULE ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77. IF SO REQUESTED, THE
14 COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD A HEARING.

15 (2) A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER THAT
16 HAS BECOME FINAL MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE ORDER.

17 (3) (a) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A CEASE-AND-DESIST
18 ORDER WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER BEING SERVED WITH THE
19 ORDER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY BRING A SUIT FOR A TEMPORARY
20 RESTRAINING ORDER AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER
21 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 77 OR A RULE ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE
22 77.

23 (b) IF THE SUBJECT OF A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER REQUESTS
24 THAT THE CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER BE STAYED PENDING AN APPROVAL
25 OF THE ORDER, A COURT SHALL NOT STAY THE CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER
26 UNTIL AFTER A HEARING HAS BEEN HELD AT WHICH BOTH PARTIES HAVE
27 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR.

1 (c) A COURT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO MATTERS BROUGHT
2 BEFORE THE COURT UNDER THIS SECTION OVER OTHER MATTERS ON THE
3 CALENDAR OF THE COURT.

4 **35-77-109. Unlawful acts.** (1) UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, IT
5 IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

6 (a) REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER ISSUED
7 UNDER SECTION 35-77-108; OR

8 (b) MAKE A MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT IN A REGISTRATION OR TO
9 THE COMMISSIONER OR THE DEPARTMENT DURING AN OFFICIAL
10 INVESTIGATION.

11 (2) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICIAL OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT, OR PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO:

13 (a) USE FOR PRIVATE ADVANTAGE ANY INFORMATION DERIVED
14 FROM REPORTS OR RECORDS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN
15 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 77;

16 (b) DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION DERIVED FROM REPORTS OR
17 RECORDS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
18 ARTICLE 77; EXCEPT THAT THE INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED TO:

19 (I) A COURT OF THIS OR OTHER STATES; OR

20 (II) PEOPLE WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION,
21 REPORTS, OR RECORDS.

22 **35-77-110. Administrative penalties.** (1) (a) A FARM THAT
23 VIOLATES THIS ARTICLE 77 OR A RULE ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 77
24 IS SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, AS DETERMINED BY THE
25 COMMISSIONER.

26 (b) TO IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, THE COMMISSIONER
27 MUST CONSIDER THE SEVERITY OF THE VIOLATION, THE AMOUNT OF HARM

1 CAUSED BY THE VIOLATION, THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A PATTERN OF
2 SIMILAR VIOLATIONS BY THE FARM, AND THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED
3 PENALTY ON THE ABILITY OF THE FARM TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
4 BUSINESS.

5 (c) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE
6 PENALTY THAT EXCEEDS TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER
7 VIOLATION.

8 (2) TO IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, THE COMMISSIONER
9 MUST GIVE THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A
10 HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24.

11 (3) IF A FARM FAILS TO PAY ANY PORTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE
12 PENALTY IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE
13 COMMISSIONER MAY BRING SUIT TO RECOVER THE PENALTY. IN ANY
14 ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IF
15 SUCCESSFUL, RECOVER COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES.

16 **35-77-111. Repeal of article.** (1) THIS ARTICLE 77 IS REPEALED,
17 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2034. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS ARTICLE 77 IS
18 SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

19 (2) THIS ARTICLE 77 WILL BE REPEALED IF THE COMMISSIONER
20 PROMULGATES A RULE PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THIS ARTICLE 77
21 IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE
22 REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE WHEN THE CONDITION
23 SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) HAS OCCURRED BY E-MAILING THE
24 NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS ARTICLE 77 IS
25 REPEALED EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE OR, IF THE
26 NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO
27 THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add** (35)
2 as follows:

3 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
4 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
5 **declaration - repeal.** (35) (a) THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR
6 BOTH, ARE SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2034:

7 (I) THE REGULATION OF PRODUCE SAFETY ON FARMS BY THE
8 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 77 OF
9 TITLE 35.

10 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (35) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
11 2036.

12 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
15 general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3,
16 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
20 to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to acts committed on or after the applicable
23 effective date of this act.