

Legislative Analysis



REPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR

House Bill 4917 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4917 would amend the Manufacturing Milk Law to repeal a requirement that only a grader approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) can grade butter.

MCL 288.717

BACKGROUND:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) allows states to oversee their own manufactured milk programs for dairy products such as butter and cheese. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development contracts with USDA to perform all of the USDA-required grading and inspection in the state, including for butter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development indicates that the bill would not have a direct fiscal impact on departmental costs or revenues.

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