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R.C. 901.43
Same as the Executive, but replaces the AGR Director's authority to charge a reasonable fee with a statutory \$50 fee.
Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
R.C. 905.32, 905.56, 905.57
Same as the Executive.
Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
R.C. 907.13, 907.14
Same as the Executive.
Same as the Executive.

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Eliminates the minimum annual fee of \$5 that a permit holder must pay and instead specifies that if the permit holder owes less than \$50 for the seed fee, the permit holder is not required to pay the fee.	Same as the Executive.		
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$16,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		
AGRCD1 Apiary law changes			
R.C. 909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13	R.C. 909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13		
Makes the following changes to the requirements governing apiary registration: (1) Extends the registration deadline from 10 to 30 days after taking ownership or moving into Ohio with an apiary; (2) Eliminates the \$5 registration fee and \$10 late fee, as well as the issuance of a physical registration certificate; (3) Requires clear posting of apiary identification number.	Same as the Executive.		
Eliminates a board of county commissioner's authority to appropriate money in an amount it deems sufficient for the inspection of apiaries in its county.	Same as the Executive.		
Makes the following changes to the law governing deputy apiarists: (1) Requires a board of county commissioners to set the deputy apiarist's salary based on inspection work and related costs; (2) Requires the AGR Director to review, rather than approve, a deputy apiarist's salary and expenses; (3) Allows the AGR Director to assign a deputy apiarist to conduct inspections in multiple counties; (4) Expands the reasons for which the AGR Director may fire a deputy apiarist to include unethical or negligent discharge of duties.	Same as the Executive, but allows a board of county commissioners to appoint more than one deputy apiarist with the approval of the AGR Director.		

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those with a production capacity higher than 6,000 pounds per hour.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$95,000 annually for the Food Safety

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD12 Soda water syrup or extract and soft drink syrup manufacturer fee	
R.C. 913.23	R.C. 913.23
Eliminates the registration requirement for soda water syrup or extract manufacturers or soft drink syrup manufacturers not otherwise licensed as soft drink bottlers, thus eliminating an annual \$100 registration/license fee.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Loss of approximately \$3,400 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD13 Cold storage locker license fee	
R.C. 915.16	R.C. 915.16
Increases the annual license fee for cold storage lockers from \$50 to \$200.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$18,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD21 Livestock dealers – fees and penalties	
R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24
Alters the fees charged by AGR to livestock dealers and brokers as follows: (1) applies a flat \$250 annual dealer and broker license renewal fee instead a fee schedule (\$50 for less than 1,000 head; \$125 for 1,001 to 10,000 head; \$250 for more than 10,000 head) depending on head of livestock bought, sold, or exchanged in Ohio; (2) increases the annual license fee from \$25 to \$50 for small dealers, and increases the applicable late fee from \$25 to \$100; (3) increases the annual license fee for employees appointed by a small dealer, dealer, or broker from \$20 to \$30; (4) increases the annual license fee for weighers from \$10 to \$30.	Same as the Executive.

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of any pro except fo bribes, ar to \$500 fo a second	s the first degree misdemeanor criminal penalties for violation phibition of the law governing livestock dealers and brokers, or the violation of a weigher improperly weighing or accepting and instead allows the AGR Director to assess civil penalties for up for a first violation within the previous five years, up to \$2,500 for such violation, and up to \$10,000 for a third or subsequent such Directs the civil penalties to the Animal and Consumer in Fund.		Same as the Executive.		
	ect: Gain of approximately \$57,000 annually for the sial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		
AGRCD23	Food Safety Fund				
R.C.	915.24		R.C. 915.24		
ngreemer ood safe	money received from federal contracts or cooperative nts for the performance of AGR's prescribed duties related to ty inspections to be deposited into the Food Safety Fund. (Such re currently deposited into the Federal Cooperative Contracts		Same as the Executive.		
	ect: Gain for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70) and nding loss for the Federal Cooperative Contracts Fund (Fund		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		
AGRCD16	Pesticide Law changes				
R.C.	921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.		R.C. 921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.		
Jpdates (	Ohio law to comply with U.S. EPA regulations as follows:		Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes:		
. , .	res restricted use pesticides to be applied exclusively by a commercial or private pesticide applicator;	İ	(1) Same as Executive.		

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(2) Expands activities requiring licensure to include both pre-application actions involving mixing and loading restricted use pesticides, and transporting or storing pesticide application equipment;	(2) Same as Executive.
(3) Requires each pesticide business location to be licensed, rather than requiring one license for the pesticide business and the registration of each location that is owned by the person operating the pesticide business;	(3) Same as Executive.
(4) Allows the AGR Director to establish an examination fee by rule for applicants for pesticide applicator licenses;	(4) Same as Executive.
(5) Allows the AGR Director to deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or modify any license, permit, or registration if the applicant or holder has entered into an administrative or judicial settlement under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.	(5) Same as Executive.
(6) Increases the number of days that the AGR Director may suspend a license, permit, or registration prior to a hearing concerning a violation from ten to 30 days.	(6) Same as Executive.
(7) Requires that, for one of the conditions that must be met for an exemption from obtaining a pesticide business license, an individual must not engage in the business of applying pesticides for hire, rather than, as under current law, requiring that the person must not regularly engage in such a business.	(7) No provision.
Increases fees for the annual registration of a pesticide sold or distributed in Ohio as follows: (1) from \$150 to \$250 for each product name and brand registered for the company whose name appears on the pesticide label; (2) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for late registration renewal; and (3) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for each product name and brand of a non-registered pesticide that is distributed in Ohio before registration.	Same as Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$500,000 annually for the Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD25 Commercial Feed Law			
R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51	R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51		
Requires that a commercial feed registration be made on an annual instead of semiannual basis. Requires a manufacturer or distributor to pay an annual \$50 registration fee and requires the registration to be filed by February 1 of each year and expire on January 31st of the following year.	Same as the Executive.		
Eliminates the specific information required to be on the registration form prescribed by the AGR Director.	Same as the Executive.		
Removes the minimum \$25 commercial feed inspection fee, generally calculated at a rate of \$25 per ton, and instead exempts the first 200 tons of commercial feed sold in a calendar year from the fee. States that the penalty for late payment of an inspection fee is 10% of the amount due or \$50, whichever is greater, rather than a 10% penalty, with a minimum penalty of \$50 as under current law.	Same as the Executive.		
Requires an annual instead of a semiannual submission of the required commercial feed inspection fee and accompanying statement by the first distributor in Ohio.	Same as the Executive.		
Fiscal effect: Gain of nearly \$40,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (4C90).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		
AGRCD30 Pork Marketing Program			
	R.C. 924.212		
No provision.	Establishes a Pork Marketing Program to promote the sale and use of pork products and requires it to be operated with the same general procedures, requirements, and other provisions that exist for the Grain and Soybean Marketing Programs.		

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No provision.  No provision.		Establishes a ten-member Pork Marketing Program Operating Committee consisting of four members appointed by the AGR Director and six elected members. Applies the same procedures for elections as those that apply to the Grain Marketing Program, except divides the state into six districts consisting of specified counties. States that all ten members of the Operating Committee are voting members.
		Requires the Director to levy an assessment on pork producers at 35¢ per \$100 of value at the first point of sale. Prohibits such assessments if assessments are levied under the National Pork Checkoff Program. Prohibits the operating committee from refunding a producer for any assessments that it collects from the producer.
		Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in AGR's oversight administrative costs.
AGRCD10	Ohio Grape Industries Committee	
R.C.	924.51, Section 709.10	R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10
Revises the makeup of the Ohio Grape Industries Committee by removing the AGR Chief of the Division of Markets and adding two Ohio residents appointed by the AGR Director.		Same as the Executive.
Fiscal ef	fect: None.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD1	5 Nurseryperson Inspection Fee	
R.C.	927.53	R.C. 927.53
produce	s the base annual inspection fee for a nurseryperson who s, sells, or distributes woody nursery stock in Ohio or ships such tside Ohio from \$100 to \$200.	Same as the Executive.
nursery acre, or noninter	s the additional per-acre inspection fee for growing woody stock as follows: (1) in intensive production areas, from \$11 per fraction of an acre, to \$15 per acre, or fraction of an acre; (2) in asive production areas, from \$7 per acre, or fraction of an acre, to acre, or fraction of an acre.	Same as the Executive.
	fect: Gain of approximately \$100,000 annually for the Plant Pest Fund (5FC0).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD17	Hemp Cultivation and Processing Program		
R.C.	928.02, 928.03, 928.04	R.C.	928.02, 928.03, 928.04
	ne AGR Director to transfer jurisdiction to implement Ohio's tivation licensure program to the USDA.	Same as th	e Executive.
licenses to	s the prohibition against issuing a hemp cultivation or processing o a person for a felony related to a controlled substance within our 10 years.	No provisio	on.
hemp cult	s a requirement that the AGR Director revoke, for 10 years, a tivation or processing license issued to a person who pleads or is convicted of a controlled substance felony.	No provisio	on.
backgroui	s a requirement that a license applicant comply with the general nd check law, and instead requires an applicant to comply with nd check rules adopted by the AGR Director.	No provisio	on.
Fiscal effe	ect: None.	Fiscal effe	ct: None.
AGRCD20	Captive cervid licensing		
R.C.	943.01, 943.26, 944.01-944.08, 1533.71, 1533.721, 1533.731, 1533.77.	R.C.	943.01, 943.26, 944.01-944.08, 1533.71, 1533.721, 1533.731, 1533.77.
licensed a to facility their hybr be license before lice establishe the Anima structure	the requirement that owners who propagate deer in a facility be as livestock dealers with a new regulatory structure that applies owners and owners of any type of cervid (deer, moose, elk, and rids), as follows: (1) Requires all captive cervid facility owners to ed annually by AGR; (2) requires the facilities to be inspected ensure, allowing for an appeals process for failed inspections; (3) es an annual \$50 license and renewal fee to be deposited into all and Consumer Protection Fund. Applies the new regulatory to the AGR Director's existing authority for rulemaking, testing, and disease, investigations and inspections, and civil penalties.	Same as th	e Executive.
	ect: Gain of approximately \$7,500 annually for the Animal and r Protection Fund.	Fiscal effe	ct: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD22 Animal and Consumer Protection Fund	
R.C. 943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43	R.C. 943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43
Eliminates the Livestock Care Standards Fund and Dangerous and Restricted Animal Fund and redirects the money credited to those funds to the existing Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.	Same as the Executive.
Redirects money collected from livestock dealer and broker fees and fines imposed for violating the law governing livestock dealers from the Animal and Consumer Protection and Laboratory Fund to the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.	Same as the Executive.
Requires the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund to be used to administer the laws governing dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes, livestock dealers, and captive cervid.	Same as the Executive.
AGRCD19 High Volume Dog Breeder Kennel and Pet Store Funds	
R.C. 956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10	R.C. 956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10
Renames the High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund (Fund 5MRO) the Commercial Dog Breeding Fund.	Same as the Executive.
Abolishes the Pet Store License Fund (Fund 5PLO) and requires all pet store license fees and civil penalties assessed against pet stores to be credited to Fund 5MRO.	Same as the Executive.
Permits the OBM Director to transfer the cash balance in Fund 5PL0 to Fund 5MR0 in FY 2026.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain in revenue for Fund 5MR0 up to the amount available for transfer from Fund 5PL0. The March 2026 cash balance in Fund 5PL0 is \$173,000.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD2 Amusement ride fees	
R.C. 993.04	R.C. 993.04
Expands the current amusement ride classifications that apply to annual inspection from four currently to (1) kiddie rides, (2) family rides, (3) major rides, (4) spectacular rides (5) family/portable roller coaster, (6) tower rides, and (7) large roller coaster.	Same as the Executive.
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Increases the following inspection and reinspection fees: Family rides from \$160 to \$200; major rides from \$140 to \$300; spectacular rides from \$160 to \$400; tower rides from \$160 to \$1,800; and large roller coaster from \$1,200 to \$4,000.	Same as the Executive.
Replaces the current flat \$104 inspection or reinspection fee for inflatable rides with the following: For three or fewer at the same location and with the same owner, \$100 each. For three such rides, \$75 each. For 11 or more, \$50 each. Decreases the permit fee for inflatables from \$225 to \$100.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Estimated loss of approximately \$222,000 annually in permit fees. Partially offsetting gain in inspection fees. Receipts are deposited into the Amusement Ride Safety Fund (Fund 5780).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD14 Food processing establishment exemption	
R.C. 3715.021	R.C. 3715.021
Exempts a small egg producer (500 or fewer birds) from food processing establishment regulations.	Same as the Executive.
Requires AGR Director to establish standards for manufacturing practices.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: None.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD31 Auctioneer client trust accounts	
	R.C. 4707.024
No provision.	Allows a licensed auctioneer to deposit money into a client trust account, and retain that money in the account, to pay expenses related to bank charges necessary to maintain the account.
	Fiscal effect: None.
AGRCD4 Soil and Water Division	
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700428, Soil and Water Division, to provide grants to local governments for developing or updating local land use plans.	Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD5 County Agricultural Societies	
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Requires that GRF ALI 700501, County Agricultural Societies, be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.	Same as the Executive, but earmarks \$380,000 in each fiscal year for this purpose and also includes the following earmarks:
No provision.	Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year to support Future Farmers of America, urban agriculture, and agriculture literacy programs around the state.
No provision.	Earmarks \$800,000 in each fiscal year to support up to 50% of the rental and equipment costs associated with hosting state and national livestock events at the Ohio Expo Center.
No provision.	Earmarks \$500,000 in FY 2026 to support the construction of the Mercer County Fairgrounds Grand Events Center.
AGRCD32 E15 Rebate Program	
	Section: 211.20, 757.100
No provision.	Requires the AGR Director to create a pilot High Blend Ethanol Rebate Program to support new construction of E15 or higher blend ethanol pumps at motor fuel retailer locations across Ohio.
No provision.	Requires the Director to provide a rebate of 5¢ per gallon of blended fuel sold, up to \$100,000 per fiscal year, to a retailer that meets the program's conditions.
No provision.	Establishes general conditions for the program, and authorizes AGR to adopt rules to administer it.
	Fiscal effect: The bill provides \$10.0 million for grants under new GRF ALI 700429, E15 Motor Fuel Rebate Program.

Basin and other regions designated by the AGR Director. Requires that Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio, be used to support these programs, including (1) purchasing various nutrient placement and testing equipment, (2) creating a revolving loan program, and (3) providing matching funds for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

AGRCD9 **Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating** 

Section: 211.20 Section: 211.20

Requires Fund 7057 ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, to be used to administer the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD27 Transfer from the GRF to the H2Ohio Fund
Section: 512.10

Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$270,276,066 in FY 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H2O).

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Same as Executive, but decreases the transfer amount to \$150,000,000.

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COMCD33 Fire code changes and enforcement	
	R.C. 3737.83, 3781.062
No provision.	Prohibits the State Fire Marshal (SFM) from including certain accessory spaces in determining whether an agricultural structure requires an automatic sprinkler system or other fire suppression system.
No provision.	Requires the COM Director, in collaboration with the SFM, Board of Building Standards (BBS), and local building departments, to develop guidelines for the enforcement of the Ohio Building Code and State Fire Code in a coordinated manner, including the interaction of exemptions from one code with requirements of another code.
	Fiscal effect: Minimal.

Same as the Executive.

fund.

Permits Fund 4C00 to accept contributions and transfers made to the

water supply systems or wastewater systems under the Safe Drinking

(j) The application fees for permits, variances, and plan approvals under

the Water Pollution Control Law and the Safe Drinking Water Law.

Water Law or the Water Pollution Control Law.

(j) Same as the Executive.

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Fiscal effect: The fee extensions will preserve annual revenues of \$91.4 million allocated for use by Ohio EPA and AGR as follows: \$365,000 for the Clean Air - Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20), \$14.2 million to Fund Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), \$9.0 million for the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), \$7.0 million for the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), \$1.7 million to Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), \$9.5 million to Fund Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), \$44.4 million to Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BCO), and \$1.3 million to National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0) used by Ohio EPA; and \$3.9 million to Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR. Other provisions modify the allocation of solid waste disposal fees and reduce the Ohio EPA portion by \$7.1 million annually, redirecting that amount for use by local boards of health.

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Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive, but extends the annual revenue streams for the affected state funds until they are subject to sunset on June 30, 2028.

#### **EPACD24** Scrap Tire Fees

Makes permanent the 50¢ per tire fee deposited into the Scrap Tire Management Fund which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

Makes permanent the 50¢ per tire fee deposited into the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

Fiscal effect: Retains annual revenues of \$8.0 million: \$4.0 million to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by Ohio EPA, and \$4.0 million to Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.

#### R.C. 3734.901

Same as the Executive, but removes the provisions that would have made permanent the fee and, instead, extends the current sunset until June 30, 2028.

Same as the Executive, but removes the provisions that would have made permanent the fee and, instead, extends the current sunset until June 30, 2041.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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## **Other Taxation Provisions**

Executive

TAXCD71 Replacement tire fee: eliminate 4% discount

R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110

Effective January 1, 2026, eliminates the 4% discount for wholesale distributors of replacement tires or retail dealers who timely file and pay the replacement tire fee administered by TAX.

Fiscal effect: Increases fee revenue to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by EPA and the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.

R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110

Same as the Executive.