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**AB-768 Certified farmers' markets: enforcement: civil penalties.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 768**

**CHAPTER 83**

An act to repeal Section 47026 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to certified farmers' markets.

[ Approved by Governor July 21, 2017. Filed with Secretary of State July 21, 2017. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 768, Aguiar-Curry. Certified farmers' markets: enforcement: civil penalties.

Existing law regulates the direct marketing of agricultural products and generally provides that a violation of those provisions is an infraction. Existing law, until January 1, 2018, provides that in lieu of prosecution for a violation of the provisions regulating certified farmers' markets, the Secretary of Food and Agriculture or a county agricultural commissioner may levy a civil penalty against a person who violates those provisions or any regulation implemented pursuant to those provisions, as specified.

This bill would delete the repeal provision, thereby indefinitely extending the operation of the provision authorizing the secretary and county agricultural commissioners to levy civil penalties in lieu of prosecution.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 47026 of the Food and Agricultural Code is repealed.