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Assembly Bill No. 1505

CHAPTER 198

An act to amend Sections 6029 and 14401 of, and to add Section 47007.5 to, the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to food and agriculture, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1505, Committee on Agriculture. Food and agriculture: omnibus bill.

(1) Existing law requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to establish and administer a research program to control vertebrate pests, as specified. Existing law requires the secretary to establish the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee, and requires the committee to make recommendations to the secretary regarding vertebrate pest control research each year. Existing law requires each county agricultural commissioner to pay a specified fee to the secretary based on the amount of vertebrate pest control material sold, distributed, or applied by the county, as specified. Existing law creates the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Account in the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund, and continuously appropriates the moneys in the account to the secretary for specified purposes. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026.

This bill would extend the operation of those provisions until January 1, 2035. By extending the secretary's authority to expend moneys in a continuously appropriated account, the bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law prohibits the administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs to livestock unless ordered by a licensed veterinarian through a prescription or veterinary feed directive pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, as specified.

This bill would revise and recast that provision to instead prohibit the administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs to livestock unless it is ordered by a licensed veterinarian through a prescription or veterinary feed directive that complies with federal and state law, require prescriptions for labeled uses of medically important antimicrobial drugs to be issued pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, and require veterinary feed directives and prescriptions for extralabel uses of medically important antimicrobial drugs to be issued pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, as specified.

(3) Existing law regulates the operation of certified mobile farmers' markets, as defined, and requires an operator of a certified mobile farmers' market to annually register with the Department of Food and Agriculture.

This bill would authorize enforcing officers to inspect places, conveyances, documentation, products, containers, and equipment pertaining to certified mobile farmers' markets and would authorize enforcing officers to seize and hold as evidence certain materials to secure the conviction of a party, as specified.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 6029 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

- **6029.** This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2035, and as of that date is repealed.
- **SEC. 2.** Section 14401 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:
- **14401.** A medically important antimicrobial drug shall not be administered to livestock unless it is ordered by a licensed veterinarian through a prescription or veterinary feed directive that complies with federal and state law, including, but not limited to, Part 514 (commencing with Section 514.1), Part 530 (commencing with Section 530.1), and Part 558 (commencing with Section 558.3) of Subchapter E of Chapter I of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Section 4826.6 of the Business and Professions Code. A prescription for labeled use of a medically important antimicrobial drug shall be issued pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship that meets the requirements of Section 4826.6 of the Business and Professions Code. Veterinary feed directives and prescriptions for extralabel use of a medically important antimicrobial drug shall be issued pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship that meets the requirements of Section 530.3 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- **SEC. 3.** Section 47007.5 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:
- **47007.5.** (a) An enforcing officer may enter and inspect any place or conveyance where products are produced, stored, packed, delivered for shipment, loaded, shipped, transported, or sold pertaining to a certified mobile farmers' market over which they have jurisdiction.
- (b) An enforcing officer may inspect all documentation, products, containers, and equipment found in any place or conveyance to determine compliance with this chapter or the regulations adopted thereunder. The enforcing officer may also take representative samples of products and containers, which may be subject to any method of inspection or testing as deemed necessary.
- (c) An enforcing officer may seize and hold as evidence all or any part of any container, pack, load, bulk lot, consignment, or shipment of products that is packed, delivered for shipment, loaded, shipped, transported, or sold to secure the conviction of the party the enforcing officer knows, or believes, has violated, or is violating, this chapter or the regulations adopted thereunder.
- (d) Any evidence that is seized by an enforcing officer in any county under the authority of this chapter or the regulations adopted thereunder, may be admitted into evidence in any action taken by any other county.
- (e) This chapter does not preclude the creation and keeping of additional information that a certified mobile farmers' market operator may endeavor itself to create and keep, or contractually require a vendor to provide additional information as a condition to selling in an operator's certified mobile farmers' market.