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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 3-232, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 3-232, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 3-232. Enforcement of article

5 A. The director shall enforce the provisions of this article. The
6 director shall:

7 1. Sample, inspect, analyze and test agricultural, vegetable and
8 ornamental plant seed transported, sold or offered or exposed for sale for
9 sowing purposes, as provided by section 3-233 and to the extent ~~the~~ **THE**
10 **DIRECTOR** deems necessary to determine whether the agricultural, vegetable
11 and ornamental plant seeds are in compliance with the provisions of this
12 article, and ~~the~~ **THE DIRECTOR** shall notify promptly the person who
13 transported, sold, offered or exposed the seed for sale of any violation.

14 2. Prescribe and, after public hearing following due public notice,
15 adopt rules governing:

16 (a) The methods of sampling, inspecting, analyzing, testing and
17 examining agricultural, vegetable and ornamental plant seed and the
18 tolerances to be followed in the administration of this article that
19 comply with the federal seed act (7 United States Code sections 1551
20 through 1611; 53 Stat. 1275) and the rules and regulations promulgated
21 under that act.

22 (b) A prohibited and restricted noxious weed list and subsequent
23 revisions to the list.

24 (c) Reasonable standards of germination for vegetable **AND**
25 **AGRICULTURAL** seeds.

26 (d) Such other rules as are necessary to secure the efficient
27 enforcement of this article.

28 3. Designate seed-certifying agencies which ~~the~~ **THE DIRECTOR** finds
29 qualified to certify agricultural or vegetable seeds as to variety,
30 purity, quality or other related designations. The director shall consult
31 with the director of the university of Arizona agricultural experiment
32 station before approving the qualifications of any agency to certify as to
33 variety, strain or other genetic character of agricultural or vegetable
34 seeds.

35 B. The director may assign personnel from the office of inspections
36 to perform any of the inspection-related activities prescribed by this
37 article.