

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 2474

INTRODUCER: Commerce Committee

SUBJECT: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Review

DATE: April 2, 2008 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Earlywine	Cooper	CM	Favorable
2.	Blizzard	DeLoach	GA	Favorable
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

The Florida Government Accountability Act requires a review of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (department) and its advisory committees by July 1, 2008, to determine if it and its committees should be retained, modified, or abolished. This bill reenacts provisions relating to the Divisions of Licensing, Standards, and Consumer Services of the department.

The bill reenacts paragraphs (e), (j), and (m) of section 20.14(2), Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Under the Florida Government Accountability Act (ss. 11.901-920, F.S.), most state agencies and their respective advisory committees are subject to a “sunset” review process to determine whether the agency should be retained, modified, or abolished. The act requires a review of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and its advisory committees by July 1, 2008.

The Senate Commerce Committee is the primary sunset review committee for the Divisions of Licensing, Standards, and Consumer Services within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. As a result of its review, the committee issued the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Agency Sunset Review Interim Report 2008-2007. The report includes the following recommendations.

- The Legislature should continue the divisions of Licensing, Standards, and Consumer Services within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- The Legislature should continue the department's advisory councils and commissions related to the divisions of Licensing, Standards, and Consumer Services within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 reenacts s. 20.14(2)(e), (j), and (m), F.S., relating to the divisions of Licensing, Standards, and Consumer Services of the department. Reenacting these provisions will continue the programs and services provided by these divisions through the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2008.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.
