

HB 494 -- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

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This bill repeals all provisions of Chapter 640, RSMo, Department of Natural Resources, relating to concentrated animal feeding operations and reenacts the provisions in Chapter 644, Water Pollution, with the following changes:

(1) The Missouri Clean Water Commission is to promulgate rules regulating the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of Class I concentrated animal feeding operations;

(2) Regulatory or local controls imposed by any form of local government concerning the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of any Class I or Class II concentrated animal feeding operation must be consistent with the provisions of the bill, except local governing bodies may impose stricter controls based on empirical peer-reviewed scientific and economic data that clearly document the need and cost effectiveness for the more restrictive provisions;

(3) Any corporation or cooperative engaged in farming will not be eligible for any state tax credits, deductions, state grants, loans, or other financial or economic assistance, unless a family farm or a family farm corporation receives the same assistance. Agricultural processing or food processing facilities are not restricted by the provisions of the bill; and

(4) The requirement for Class I concentrated animal feeding operations to give notice of application to the county governing body and adjoining property owners within one and a half times the maximum buffer distance for the size of the proposed operation is deleted.