

HB 1604 -- Cotton Crop Liens

Sponsor: Bean

Currently, pursuant to the provisions of the Missouri Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication Act, a cotton grower who fails to pay assessments is subject to a per-acre penalty. This bill provides that in addition to other remedies for the collection of delinquent assessments, including penalties and interest, the Department of Agriculture will have an assessment lien covering any current or future cotton crop grown by the producer and the proceeds of the cotton sale until the assessment, penalties, and interest are paid in full. The department will be subject to certain notification and procedural requirements.