

HB 376 -- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

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This bill changes the laws regarding concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) making Missouri's regulations consistent with federal regulations. The bill:

(1) Requires the Missouri Clean Water Commission to promulgate rules regulating the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of CAFOs;

(2) Requires that regulatory or local controls imposed by any form of local government concerning the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of an animal feeding operation must be consistent with the provisions of the bill;

(3) Allows the Department of Natural Resources to designate an animal feeding operation as a CAFO if it is determined to be a significant contributor of pollutants to the waters of the state and has an animal feeding capacity of Class II CAFO or greater; and

(4) Clarifies that the terms "point source" and "water contaminant source" as defined for the purposes of the Missouri Clean Water Law are not to include agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture.