

HB 1192 -- Agricultural Operations

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This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to establish rules and regulations regarding the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of voluntarily regulated concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). A voluntarily regulated facility is any CAFO with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units that voluntarily applies to the department to be regulated and which is not otherwise required by law to have a class II permit.

Eligible voluntarily regulated facilities are not required to obtain a construction or operating permit. However, upon application to become a voluntarily regulated facility, the department has the authority to regulate the permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of the facility. Any permit issued to a class II facility prior to the effective date of the bill will remain in effect, and the facility will be considered a voluntarily regulated facility. The permit will remain in effect pending issuance of a new permit if the facility submits a timely and sufficient application and the department is unable to issue the new permit prior to the expiration date of the previous permit.