

HCS HB 270 -- SALE OF EGGS

SPONSOR: Shaul (113)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 24 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill specifies that if the Director of the Department of Agriculture determines, after inquiry and opportunity for a hearing, that an individual has violated any of the laws relating to the sale of eggs, the director has the authority to assess a penalty of not more than \$500 per violation and not more than \$500 for each day the violation continues.

This bill is the same as HB 2676 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently the only administrative option the department has for a violation of the laws relating to the sale of eggs is to suspend the individuals license. This bill would allow the department to assess a civil penalty instead of suspending the license.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shaul and the Missouri Department Of Agriculture.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.