
CONSENT

Bill No: AB 1505
Author: Committee on Agriculture
Amended: 6/19/25 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: 5-0, 7/1/25
AYES: Hurtado, Alvarado-Gil, Cortese, McNerney, Padilla

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 79-0, 6/2/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Food and agriculture: omnibus bill

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill (1) extends the Vertebrate Pest Control Research (VPCR) program to 2035. The VPCRs current repeal date is January 1, 2026. Additionally, this bill (2) clarifies current law to specify that a medically important antimicrobial drug only be administered to livestock when it is ordered by a licensed veterinarian and meets the requirements of federal and state law, along with the already established Business Professions Code Section 4826.6 requirements. Finally, this bill (3) adds enforcement to the certified mobile farmers' market to mirror enforcement provisions of "static" certified farmers' markets.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes the VPCR program and the Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee (VPCRAC) to be administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to deal with species that pose "a

significant threat to the welfare of the state's agricultural economy and the public"¹ (Food and Agriculture Code § 6025-6029).

- 2) Prohibits an important antimicrobial drug be administered to livestock unless ordered by a licensed veterinarian through prescription or veterinary feed directive, pursuant to a veterinarian-client-patient relationship that meets the requirements of the Business and Professions Code § 4826.6 (Food and Agriculture Code § 14401).
- 3) Defines a certified mobile farmers' market to mean a mobile food facility that moves agricultural products to point-of-sale locations to sell directly to communities. Requires certified farmers' market operators comply with certification, labeling, and identification requirements, itemize lists of all products, and adhere to other Health and Safety Code requirements (Food and Agriculture Code § 47007).

This bill:

- 1) Extends the sunset date for the Vertebrate Pests Control Research program from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2035.
- 2) Clarifies and conforms the medically important antimicrobial drug code to comply with federal and state, as well as Business and Professions Code § 4826.6 that is already required to be in compliance with.
- 3) Adds enforcement to certified mobile farmers' markets allowing an enforcing officer to inspect documents, products, containers and equipment and take samples to inspect and test. The enforcing officer may also seize and hold as evidence specified products in violation of this chapter. This enforcement models the current enforcement provisions for "static" certified farmers' markets.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

This bill passed out of the Senate Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

SUPPORT: (Verified 7/14/25)

None received

¹ <https://vpcrac.org/about/vpcrac-history>

OPPOSITION: (Verified 7/14/25)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: The author states:

“Each year, various private and public groups discover minor problems with state statutes affecting agriculture and policies under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Agriculture. These minor problems do not warrant separate and costly bills. According to the Legislative Analyst, the cost of producing a bill in 2001-02 was \$17,890.

“Legislators respond by combining several of these minor topics into an annual “omnibus bill.” In 2022, for example, the Assembly Committee on Agriculture (Ag Com) omnibus bill was AB 1959 (Ag Com) which contained noncontroversial statutory changes to three areas of local government law, avoiding approximately \$35,780 in legislative costs. Although this practice may violate a strict interpretation of the single-subject and germaneness rules as presented in *Californians for an Open Primary v. McPherson* (2006), it is an expeditious and relatively inexpensive way to respond to multiple requests.

“This Omnibus bill covers three issues:

- 1) Extending the Vertebrate Pest Control Research program to January 1 2035.
- 2) Conform Medically Important Antimicrobial code to federal regulations.
- 3) Add enforcement mechanism for Certified Mobile Farmers Markets that mirror the current enforcement provisions of “non-mobile” or “static’ certified farmers’ markets.”

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:

None received.

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 79-0, 6/2/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra,

Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

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