

- 3) Establishes within the California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act the application fee for a custom livestock slaughterhouse is:
 - a. \$500.00 if the plant slaughtered 1,000 or fewer head of livestock during the preceding October through September time period.
 - b. \$750 if the plant slaughtered between 1,000 and 5,000 head of livestock during the preceding October through September time period.
 - c. \$1,200.00 if the plant slaughtered over 5,000 head of livestock during the preceding October through September time period.
 - d. States the annual renewal fee for a meat reprocessing establishment is \$500.00.
 - e. States if the applicant for renewal have not paid the renewal fee by the expiration date of the license shall be assessed a penalty of 10% of the unpaid balance. Failure to pay the renewal fee plus the penalty within 90 days of expiration shall cause a revocation of a license.
 - f. The application fee shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027 unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2027, deletes or extends that date (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 18981*).
- 4) Establishes within the California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act the application fee for a new, previously unlicensed poultry plant is \$500.00 for a license for one year for each poultry plant the applicant desires to operate (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 24744*).
- 5) States an application for renewal of a license for a poultry plant is:
 - a. \$500.00 if the plant slaughtered 10,000 or fewer poultry during the preceding October through September time period.
 - b. \$750.00 if the plant slaughtered between 10,000 and 100,000 poultry during the preceding October through September time period.
 - c. \$1,200.00 if the plant slaughtered over 100,000 poultry during the preceding October through September time period.
 - d. The application fee shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027 unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2027, deletes or extends that date (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 18981*).
- 6) Establishes the California Seed Law (CSL) which regulates agricultural or vegetable seed, as specified, within the state, as well as the investigation and prosecution, as specified. (*Food and Agricultural Code Sections 52281 – 52289*).
 - a. Provides that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), county agricultural commissioners (CAC), and their qualified representatives enforce CSL.

- b. Establishes a CSL subvention program under which requires CDFA to annually apportion \$120,000, in aggregate, among counties that choose to participate in the subvention program as specified. FAC 52323-4)
 - c. Makes the CSL subvention program inoperative on July 1, 2027, and all provisions relating to the CSL subvention program are repealed on January 1, 2028. (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 52325*).
- 7) Establishes the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program (NIMG Program) within the Office of Farm to Fork at CDFA for the purpose of encouraging the purchase and consumption of California Fresh Fruits, nuts, and vegetables by nutrition benefit clients, as defined (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 49012*).
 - 8) Creates the NIMG Account in the CDFA Fund to collect matching funds received from a specified federal grant program, if available, and funds from other public and private sources. (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 49012*).
 - 9) Requires the NIMG program to provide grants upon the deposit of sufficient funds, including from a successful application for federal grant funding, if available, into the account. It also provides for the administration of the program and requires, subject to specified federal regulations, CDFA to award funds in the NIMG account to qualified entities, as defined, for consumer incentive programs, among other things. (*Food and Agricultural Code Section 49012*).

PROPOSED LAW:

This bill:

- 1) Would remove the sunset date of January 1, 2027 for the licensing fee and inspectors' fee and meat processing establishment and poultry processing establishment provisions under the California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act.
- 2) Extend the sunset on the CSL subvention program from July 1, 2027 to July 1, 2032, and repeals the statutory provisions related to the program on January 1, 2036.
- 3) Specifies that a certified mobile farmers' market, as defined, is a qualified entity eligible to be awarded moneys through the NIMG Program.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

“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.”

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:

None received

PRIOR ACTIONS:

Assembly Floor:	66 - 0
Assembly Appropriations Committee:	14 - 0
Assembly Agriculture Committee:	8 - 0

SUPPORT (as of 6/23/26):

Agricultural Institute of Marin
Alchemist CDC
California Alliance of Farmers' Markets
California Food and Farming Network
Coastside Farmers' Markets
Ecology Center
Everyone's Harvest
Food Access LA
Foodwise
Fresh Approach
Heart of the City Farmers' Market
Laytonville Certified Farmers' Market
Nextgen California
North Coast Growers Association
Office of Kat Taylor

Roots of Change
Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Market
Ukiah Certified Farmers' Market
Urban Village Farmers' Market Association

OPPOSITION (as of 6/23/26):

None received

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