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Ĺ	AGRICULTURE REVISIONS	
2	2020 GENERAL SESSION	
3	STATE OF UTAH	
4	Chief Sponsor: Logan Wilde	
5	Senate Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall	
5 7	LONG TITLE	
3	General Description:	
)	This bill addresses regulation of agriculture related activities.	
)	Highlighted Provisions:	
	This bill:	
	addresses violation of rules;	
	modifies definition provisions;	
	 provides for preventive control for human food regulations; 	
	 provides the standards for the growing, harvesting, packaging, and holding of 	
	produce for human consumption;	
	 addresses regulation of fertilizer or soil amendments; 	
	 modifies requirements for aerial hunting activity; 	
	addresses brand inspection provisions;	
	 provides for the commissioner of agriculture and food to appoint members of the 	
	conservation board of supervisors and make changes related to conservation	
	districts;	
	 repeals provisions related to the cat and dog community spay and neuter program; 	
1	and	
	makes technical and conforming changes.	
	Money Appropriated in this Bill:	
	None	
	Other Special Clauses:	
)	None	

Utah Code Sections Affected:

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31	AMENDS:
32	4-2-303, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
33	4-2-602, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 51
34	4-5-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 32
35	4-5-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 32
36	4-5-104, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
37	4-13-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
38	4-13-103, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
39	4-13-104, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
40	4-13-105, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
41	4-13-106, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
42	4-13-108, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
43	4-13-109, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
44	4-23-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 268
45	4-24-304, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
46	4-24-308, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
47	17D-3-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
48	17D-3-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 115 and 256
49	17D-3-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 350
50	17D-3-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 70
51	17D-3-302, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
52	17D-3-303, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
53	17D-3-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
54	17D-3-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 255
55	17D-3-310, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
56	17D-3-311, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 103
57	26-15-1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345

58	59-10-1304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 89
59	ENACTS:
60	4-13-110, Utah Code Annotated 1953
61	REPEALS:
62	4-13-107, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
63	4-40-101, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 124
64	4-40-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 345
65	17D-3-306, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
66	17D-3-307, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
67	17D-3-308, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 360
68	17D-3-309, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 292
69	59-10-1310, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 369
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71	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
72	Section 1. Section 4-2-303 is amended to read:
73	4-2-303. Violations unlawful.
74	It is unlawful for $[any]$ \underline{a} person, or the officer or employee of $[any]$ \underline{a} person, to
75	willfully violate, disobey, or disregard this title, a rule made under this title, or any notice or
76	order issued under this title.
77	Section 2. Section 4-2-602 is amended to read:
78	4-2-602. Local Food Advisory Council created.
79	(1) There is created the Local Food Advisory Council consisting of up to the following
80	13 members:
81	(a) one member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate;
82	(b) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
83	House of Representatives, each from a different political party;
84	(c) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food, or the
85	commissioner's designee;

86	(d) the executive director of the Department of Health, or the executive director's
87	designee;
88	(e) two crop direct-to-consumer food producers, appointed by the governor;
89	(f) two animal direct-to-consumer food producers, appointed by the governor; and
90	(g) the following potential members, appointed by the governor as needed:
91	(i) a direct-to-consumer food producer;
92	(ii) a member of a local agriculture organization;
93	(iii) a food retailer;
94	(iv) a licensed dietician;
95	(v) a county health department representative;
96	(vi) an urban farming representative;
97	(vii) a representative of a business engaged in the processing, packaging, or
98	distribution of food;
99	(viii) an anti-hunger advocate; and
100	(ix) an academic with expertise in agriculture.
101	(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
102	under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
103	(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
104	of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the commission.
105	(c) The cochairs may, with the consent of a majority of the council, appoint additional
106	nonvoting members to the council who shall serve in a voluntary capacity.
107	(3) In appointing members to the council under Subsections (1)(e) through (g), the
108	governor shall strive to take into account the geographical makeup of the council.
109	(4) A vacancy on the council [resulting from the council] shall be filled in the same
110	manner in which the original appointment [was] is made.
111	(5) Compensation for a member of the council who is a legislator shall be paid in
112	accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator
113	Compensation.

114	(6) Council members who are employees of the state shall receive no additional
115	compensation.
116	(7) The Department of Agriculture and Food shall provide staff support for the council
117	Section 3. Section 4-5-102 is amended to read:
118	4-5-102. Definitions.
119	As used in this chapter:
120	(1) "Advertisement" means a representation, other than by labeling, made to induce the
121	purchase of food.
122	(2) (a) "Color additive":
123	(i) means a dye, pigment, or other substance not exempted under the federal act that,
124	when added or applied to a food, is capable of imparting color; and
125	(ii) includes black, white, and intermediate grays.
126	(b) "Color additive" does not include a pesticide chemical, soil or plant nutrient, or
127	other agricultural chemical that imparts color solely because of the chemical's effect, before or
128	after harvest, in aiding, retarding, or otherwise affecting, directly or indirectly, the growth or
129	other natural physiological process of any plant life.
130	(3) (a) "Consumer commodity" means a food, as defined by this [act] chapter, or by the
131	federal act.
132	(b) "Consumer commodity" does not include:
133	(i) a commodity subject to packaging or labeling requirements imposed under the
134	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.;
135	(ii) a commodity subject to Title 4, Chapter 16, Utah Seed Act;
136	(iii) a meat or meat product subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec.
137	601 et seq.;
138	(iv) a poultry or poultry product subject to the Poultry Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec.
139	451 et seq.;
140	(v) a tobacco or tobacco product; or
141	(vi) a beverage subject to or complying with packaging or labeling requirements

142	imposed under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 U.S.C. Sec. 201 et seq.
143	(4) "Contaminated" means not securely protected from dust, dirt, or foreign or
144	injurious agents.
145	(5) (a) "Farm" means an agricultural operation, under management by one entity, that
146	grows or harvests crops.
147	(b) "Farm" does not include an entity that is exempt under 21 C.F.R. 112.4(a)[5] or 21
148	C.F.R. 112.5[, or 21 C.F.R. 117.3].
149	(6) "Farmers market" means a market where a producer of a food product sells only a
150	fresh, raw, whole, unprocessed, and unprepared food item directly to the final consumer.
151	(7) "Federal act" means the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301
152	et seq.
153	(8) "Food" means:
154	(a) an article used for food or drink for human or animal consumption or the
155	components of the article;
156	(b) chewing gum or chewing gum components; or
157	(c) a food supplement for special dietary use [which] that is necessitated because of a
158	physical, physiological, pathological, or other condition.
159	(9) (a) "Food additive" means a substance, the intended use of which results in the
160	substance becoming a component, or otherwise affecting the characteristics, of a food.
161	(b) (i) "Food additive" includes a substance or source of radiation intended for use in
162	producing, manufacturing, packing, processing, preparing, treating, packaging, transporting, or
163	holding food.
164	(ii) "Food additive" does not include:
165	(A) a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity;
166	(B) a pesticide chemical that is intended for use or is used in the production, storage, or
167	transportation of a raw agricultural commodity; or

(C) a substance used in accordance with a sanction or approval granted pursuant to the

Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 451 et seq. or the Federal Meat Inspection Act,

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170	21 U.S.C. Sec. 601 et seq.
171	(10) (a) "Food establishment" means a grocery store, bakery, candy factory, food
172	processor, bottling plant, sugar factory, cannery, farm, rabbit processor, meat processor, flour
173	mill, cold or dry warehouse storage, or other facility where food products are manufactured,
174	canned, processed, packaged, stored, transported, prepared, sold, or offered for sale.
175	(b) "Food establishment" does not include:
176	(i) a dairy farm, a dairy plant, or a meat establishment, that is subject to the Poultry
177	Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 451 et seq., or the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21
178	U.S.C. Sec. 601 et seq.; or
179	(ii) a farmers market.
180	(11) "Label" means a written, printed, or graphic display on the immediate container of
181	an article of food.
182	(12) "Labeling" means a label and other written, printed, or graphic display:
183	(a) on an article of food or the article of food's container or wrapper; or
184	(b) accompanying the article of food.
185	(13) "Official compendium" means the official documents or supplements to the:
186	(a) United States Pharmacopoeia;
187	(b) National Formulary; or
188	(c) Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States.
189	(14) (a) "Package" means a container or wrapping in which a consumer commodity is

- 191 (b) "Package" does not include:
- (i) a package liner;

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(ii) a shipping container or wrapping used solely for the transportation of a consumer commodity in bulk or in quantity to a manufacturer, packer, processor, or wholesale or retail distributor; or

enclosed for use in the delivery or display of the consumer commodity to retail purchasers.

(iii) a shipping container or outer wrapping used by a retailer to ship or deliver a consumer commodity to a retail customer, if the container and wrapping bear no printed

198	information relating to the consumer commodity.
199	(15) (a) "Pesticide" means a substance intended:
200	(i) to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate a pest, as defined under [Subsection] Section
201	4-14-102[(20)]; or
202	(ii) for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.
203	(b) "Pesticide" does not include:
204	(i) a new animal drug, as defined by 21 U.S.C. Sec. 321, that has been determined by
205	the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services not to be a new animal drug by
206	federal regulation establishing conditions of use of the drug; or
207	(ii) animal feed, as defined by 21 U.S.C. Sec. 321, bearing or containing a new animal
208	drug.
209	(16) "Principal display panel" means that part of a label that is most likely to be
210	displayed, presented, shown, or examined under normal and customary conditions of display
211	for retail sale.
212	(17) "Produce" means a food that is a:
213	(a) fruit, vegetable, mix of intact fruits and vegetables, mushroom, sprout from any
214	seed source, peanut, tree nut, or herb; and
215	(b) raw agricultural commodity.
216	(18) "Raw agricultural commodity" means a food in the food's raw or natural state,
217	including all fruits that are washed, colored, or otherwise treated in the fruit's unpeeled, natural
218	form [prior to] before marketing.
219	(19) "Registration" means the commissioner's issuance of a certificate to a qualified
220	food establishment.
221	(20) "Sprout" means the shoot of a plant generally harvested when cotyledons are
222	undeveloped or underdeveloped and mature leaves have not emerged.
223	Section 4. Section 4-5-103 is amended to read:
224	4-5-103. Adulterated food specified.
225	(1) A food is adulterated:

226	(a) if the food bears or contains a poisonous or deleterious substance in a quantity that
227	may ordinarily render the food injurious to health;
228	(b) if the food bears or contains an added poisonous or added deleterious substance that
229	is unsafe within the meaning of Subsection 4-5-204(1);
230	(c) except as provided in Subsection (3), if the food:
231	(i) is a raw agricultural commodity; and
232	(ii) bears or contains a pesticide chemical that is unsafe within the meaning of 21
233	U.S.C. Sec. 346a;
234	(d) if the food is, bears, or contains a food additive that is unsafe within the meaning of
235	21 U.S.C. Sec. 348;
236	(e) if the food consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, putrid, or
237	decomposed substance;
238	(f) if the food is otherwise unfit for food;
239	(g) if the food has been produced, prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary
240	conditions whereby the food may have:
241	(i) become contaminated with filth; or
242	(ii) been rendered diseased, unwholesome, or injurious to health;
243	(h) if the food is, in whole or in part, the product of:
244	(i) a diseased animal;
245	(ii) an animal that has died other than by slaughter; or
246	(iii) an animal that has fed upon the uncooked offal from a slaughterhouse;
247	(i) if the food's container is composed, in whole or in part, of a poisonous or
248	deleterious substance that may render the contents injurious to health;
249	(j) if the food [has been] is intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the
250	radiation was in conformity with a rule or exemption in effect pursuant to Section 4-5-204, or
251	21 U.S.C. Sec. 348;
252	(k) if the food:
253	(i) is a meat or meat product; and

254	(ii) (A) is in a casing, package, or wrapper:
255	(I) through which a part of the casing, package, or wrapper's contents can be seen; and
256	(II) that is colored or has markings that are colored, so as to be misleading or deceptive
257	with respect to the color, quality, or kind of food to which the color is applied; or
258	(B) contains or bears a color additive;
259	(l) if the food is produce and is in violation of [a provision of] 21 C.F.R. Part 112;
260	(m) if a valuable constituent [has been] is, in whole or in part, omitted or abstracted
261	from a product and a substance [has been] is substituted wholly or in part;
262	(n) if damage or inferiority [has been] is concealed;
263	(o) if a substance [has been] is added, mixed, or packed with a product so as to:
264	(i) increase the product's bulk or weight;
265	(ii) reduce the product's quality or strength; or
266	(iii) make the product appear better or of greater value; or
267	(p) if the food:
268	(i) is confectionery; <u>and</u>
269	(ii) (A) has partially or completely imbedded in the food a nonnutritive object, unless
270	the department determines that the nonnutritive object:
271	(I) is of practical functional value to the confectionery product; and
272	(II) would not render the product injurious or hazardous to health;
273	(B) bears or contains alcohol, other than alcohol derived solely from the use of
274	flavoring extracts, that does not exceed .05% by volume; or
275	(C) bears or contains a nonnutritive substance, unless:
276	(I) the nonnutritive substance is a safe nonnutritive substance that is in or on the
277	confectionery for a practical functional purpose in the manufacture, packaging, or storing of the
278	confectionery; and
279	(II) the use of the nonnutritive substance does not promote deception of the consumer
280	or otherwise result in adulteration or misbranding in violation of this chapter.
281	(2) The department may, for the purpose of avoiding or resolving uncertainty as to the

282 application of Subsection (1)(p)(ii)(C), issue rules allowing or prohibiting the use of a 283 particular nonnutritive substance. (3) Notwithstanding [the provisions of] Section 4-5-204, the residue of a pesticide 284 285 chemical remaining in or on a processed food is not considered unsafe if: (a) the pesticide chemical is used in or on a raw agricultural commodity in conformity 286 287 with an exemption granted or tolerance prescribed under 21 U.S.C. Sec. 346a; 288 (b) the residue of the pesticide chemical in or on the raw agricultural commodity is 289 removed to the extent possible in good manufacturing practice; 290

- (c) the raw agricultural commodity is subjected to processing such as canning, cooking, freezing, dehydrating, or milling; and
- (d) the concentration of the residue in the processed food when ready to eat is no greater than the tolerance prescribed for the raw agricultural commodity.
 - Section 5. Section **4-5-104** is amended to read:

4-5-104. Authority to make and enforce rules.

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- (1) The department may adopt rules to efficiently enforce this chapter, and if practicable, adopt rules that conform to the regulations adopted under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq.
- (2) [Hearings] The department or an officer, agent, or employee designated by the department shall conduct a hearing authorized or required by this chapter [shall be conducted by the department or by an officer, agent, or employee designated by the department].
- (3) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (3)(b), [all] pesticide chemical regulations [and their amendments now or hereafter] adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq., are the pesticide chemical regulations in this state.
- (b) The department may adopt a rule that prescribes tolerance for pesticides in finished foods in this state whether or not in accordance with regulations [promulgated] made under the federal act.
 - (4) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (4)(b), [all] food additive regulations [and

their amendments now or hereafter] adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and 310 311 Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq., are the food additive regulations in this state. (b) The department may adopt a rule that prescribes conditions under which a food 312 313 additive may be used in this state whether or not in accordance with regulations [promulgated] 314 made under the federal act. 315 (5) [All color] Color additive regulations adopted under authority of the Federal Food. Drug, and Cosmetic Act. 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seg., are the color additive rules in this state. 316 317 (6) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (6)(b), [all] special dietary use regulations 318 adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et 319 seq., are the special dietary use rules in this state. (b) The department may, if [it] the department finds it necessary to inform purchasers 320 of the value of a food for special dietary use, prescribe special dietary use rules whether or not 321 322 in accordance with regulations [promulgated] made under the federal act. 323 (7) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (7)(b), [all] regulations adopted under the Fair 324 Packaging and Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1453 et seg., shall be the rules in this state.

- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (7)(c), the department may, if [it] the department finds it necessary in the interest of consumers, prescribe package and labeling rules for consumer commodities, whether or not in accordance with regulations [promulgated] made under the federal act.

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- (c) The department may not adopt rules that are contrary to the labeling requirements for the net quantity of contents required according to 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1453(a)(4).
- (8) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (8)(b), the preventive control for human food regulations adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq., are the preventive controls for the state.
- (b) The department may adopt a rule that prescribes preventive controls in this state whether or not in accordance with regulations made under the federal act except that the rule may not be more stringent than the federal law.
 - (9) (a) Except as provided by Subsection (9)(b), the standards for the growing,

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harvesting, packaging, and holding of produce for human consumption regulations adopted under authority of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seg., are the standards for the state. (b) The department may adopt a rule that prescribes standards for the growing, harvesting, packaging, and holding of produce for human consumption in this state whether or not in accordance with regulations made under the federal act except that the rule may not be more stringent than the federal law. [(8)] (10) (a) A federal regulation automatically adopted according to this chapter takes effect in this state on the date [it] the federal regulation becomes effective as a federal regulation. (b) The department shall publish all other proposed rules in publications prescribed by the department. (c) (i) A person who may be adversely affected by a rule may, within 30 days after a federal regulation is automatically adopted, or within 30 days after publication of any other rule, file with the department, in writing, objections and a request for a hearing. (ii) The timely filing of substantial objections to a federal regulation automatically adopted stays the effect of the rule. (d) (i) If no substantial objections are received and no hearing is requested within 30 days after publication of a proposed rule, it shall take effect on a date set by the department. (ii) The effective date shall be at least 60 days after the time for filing objections has expired. (e) (i) If timely substantial objections are made to a federal regulation within 30 days

hearing to receive evidence on the issues raised by the objections.

(ii) [Any] An interested person or the person's representative may be heard.

after [it] the federal regulation is automatically adopted or to a proposed rule within 30 days

after [it] the proposed rule is published, the department, after notice, shall conduct a public

(f) (i) The department shall act upon objections by order and shall mail the order to objectors by certified mail as soon after the hearing as practicable.

366	(ii) The order shall be based on substantial evidence in the record of the hearing.
367	(g) (i) If the order concerns a proposed rule, [it] the department may withdraw [it] the
368	proposed rule or set an effective date for the rule as published or as modified by the order.
369	(ii) The effective date shall be at least 60 days after publication of the order.
370	[(9)] <u>(11)</u> Whenever a regulation is [promulgated] made under authority of the Federal
371	Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq., establishing standards for food, the
372	tolerances established by the department under this chapter shall immediately conform to the
373	standards established by the Federal Food and Drug Administration as herein provided and
374	shall remain the same until the department determines that for reasons peculiar to Utah a
375	different rule should apply.
376	Section 6. Section 4-13-102 is amended to read:
377	4-13-102. Definitions.
378	As used in this chapter:
379	(1) "Adulterated fertilizer" means [any commercial] a fertilizer or soil amendment that:
380	(a) contains [an ingredient that renders] a deleterious or harmful substance in sufficient
381	amount to render it injurious to beneficial plant life, animals, humans, aquatic life, soil, or
382	water when applied in accordance with the directions for use on the label[, or];
383	(b) has a composition that falls below or differs from that which the composition is
384	purported to possess by the composition's labeling;
385	(c) contains unwanted crop or weed seed[, or is inadequately labeled to protect plant
386	life.]; or
387	(d) exceeds levels of metals permitted by the United States Environmental Protection
388	Agency.
389	(2) "Beneficial substances or compounds" means a substance or compound other than
390	primary, secondary, and micro plant nutrients that can be demonstrated by scientific research to
391	be beneficial to one or more species of plants when applied exogenously.
392	(3) "Biostimulant" means a product containing naturally-occurring substances and
393	microbes that are used to stimulate plant growth, enhance resistance to plant nests, and reduce

394	abiotic stress.			
395	(4) "Blender" means a person engaged in the business of blending or mixing fertilizer,			
396	soil amendments, or both.			
397	$[(2)]$ (5) "Brand" means $[any]$ \underline{a} term, design, or trade mark used in connection with			
398	one or several grades of [commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment.			
399	[(3) "Commercial fertilizer" means any substance that contains one or more recognized			
400	plant nutrients that is used for its plant nutrient content and is designed for use or claimed to			
401	have value in promoting plant growth, exclusive of unmanipulated animal and vegetable			
402	manures, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, gypsum, and other products exempted by rule of			
403	the department.]			
404	(6) "Bulk fertilizer" means fertilizer delivered to the purchaser either in solid or liquid			
405	state in a non-packaged form to which a label cannot be attached.			
406	(7) "Custom blend" means a fertilizer blended according to specification provided to a			
407	blender in a soil test nutrient recommendation or to meet the specific consumer request before			
408	blending.			
409	(8) "Deficiency" means the amount of nutrient found by analysis to be less than that			
410	guaranteed.			
411	(9) "Derivation" means the source from which the guaranteed nutrients are derived.			
412	(10) "Distribute" means to import, consign, manufacture, produce, compound, mix,			
413	blend, or to offer for sale, sell, barter, or supply fertilizer or soil amendments in the state.			
414	[(4)] (11) "Distributor" means [any] <u>a</u> person who[:] <u>distributes.</u>			
415	[(a) imports, consigns, manufactures, produces, compounds, mixes, or blends			
416	commercial fertilizer;]			
417	[(b) imports, consigns, manufactures, produces, compounds, sizes, or blends a soil			
418	amendment; or]			
419	[(c) offers for sale, sells, barters, or otherwise supplies commercial fertilizer or a soil			
420	amendment in this state.]			
421	(12) "Fertilizer" means a substance that contains one or more recognized plant			

422	nutrients that is used for the substance's plant nutrient content and is designed for use or		
423	claimed to have value in promoting plant growth, exclusive of unmanipulated animal and		
424	vegetable manures, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, gypsum, and other products exempted		
425	by rule.		
426	[(5)] (13) "Fertilizer material" means a [commercial] fertilizer that contains [either]:		
427	(a) quantities of no more than one of the primary plant nutrients [(nitrogen, phosphoric		
428	acid and potash)], nitrogen (N), phosphate (P ₂ O ₅), Potash (K ₂ O);		
429	(b) [approximately] 85% plant nutrients in the form of a single chemical compound; or		
430	(c) plant or animal residues or by-products, or a natural material deposit that is		
431	processed so that its primary plant nutrients have not been materially changed, except through		
432	purification and concentration.		
433	[(6)] (14) "Grade" means the percentage of total nitrogen, available [phosphorus or		
434	phosphoric acid, and soluble potassium or] phosphate and soluble potash stated in whole		
435	numbers in the same terms, order, and percentages as in the guaranteed analysis[; provided,] if		
436	that specialty fertilizers may be guaranteed in fractional units of less than one percent of total		
437	nitrogen, available phosphorus or phosphoric acid, and soluble potassium or soluble potash and		
438	that fertilizer materials such as bone meal, manures, and similar raw materials may be		
439	guaranteed in fractional units.		
440	$\left[\frac{7}{10}\right]$ (a) "Guaranteed analysis" means the minimum percentage by weight of plant		
441	nutrients claimed in the following order and form:		
442	Total [nitrogen] Nitrogen (N) percent		
442	Available [phosphoric acid (P0)] Phosphate percent		
443	$(\underline{P}_2\underline{O}_5)$		
444	Soluble [potash (K0)] Potash (K_2O) percent		
445	(b) For unacidulated mineral phosphatic [materials] material and basic slag, bone,		
446	tankage, and other organic [phosphate materials, it means the total phosphoric acid] phosphate		
447	or degree of fineness may also be guaranteed.		
448	[(c) Potential basicity or acidity expressed in terms of calcium carbonate equivalent in		

449	multiples of one hundred pounds per ton, when required by rule.]			
450	[(d)] (c) (i) Guarantees for plant nutrients other than nitrogen, phosphorus, and			
451	potassium may be permitted or required by rule of the department.			
452	(ii) The guarantees for such other nutrients shall be expressed in the form of the			
453	element.			
454	(iii) The sources of such other nutrients, such as oxides, salt, chelates, may be required			
455	to be stated on the application for registration and may be included as a parenthetical statement			
456	on the label.			
457	(iv) Other beneficial substances or compounds, determinable by laboratory methods,			
458	also may be guaranteed by permission of the department.			
459	(v) Any plant nutrients or other substances or compounds guaranteed are subject to			
460	inspection and analysis in accord with the methods and rules prescribed by the department.			
461	[(8)] (16) "Investigational allowance" means an allowance for variations inherent in the			
462	taking, preparation, and analysis of an official sample of [commercial] fertilizer or soil			
463	amendment.			
464	[(9)] (17) "Label" means the display of $[all]$ the written, printed, or graphic matter upon			
465	the immediate container or statement accompanying a [commercial] fertilizer or soil			
466	amendment.			
467	[(10)] (18) "Labeling" means [all] the written, printed, or graphic matter upon or			
468	accompanying [any commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment, or advertisements, brochures,			
469	posters, television and radio announcements used in promoting the sale of [such commercial]			
470	fertilizers or soil amendments.			
471	(19) "Lot" means a definite quantity identified by a combination of numbers, letters,			
472	characters, or amount represented by a weight certificate from which every part is uniform			
473	within recognized tolerances from which the distributor can be determined.			
474	(20) "Micro plant nutrient" means boron, chlorine, colbalt, copper, iron, manganese,			
475	molybdenum, nickel, sodium, and zinc.			
476	[(11)] (21) "Mixed fertilizer" means a [commercial] fertilizer containing any			

477	combination or mixture of fertilizer materials.			
478	(22) "Nonplant food ingredient" means a substance or compound other than the			
479	primary, secondary, or micro nutrients.			
480	$[(12)]$ (23) "Official sample" means $[any]$ \underline{a} sample of $[commercial]$ fertilizer or soil			
481	amendment taken by the department and designated as "official."			
482	(24) "Other ingredients" means the non-soil amending ingredients present in soil			
483	amendments.			
484	[(13)] (25) "Percent" or "percentage" means the percentage by weight.			
485	(26) "Plant amendment" means a substance applied to plants or seeds that is intended			
486	to improve growth, yield, product quality, reproduction, flavor, or other favorable			
487	characteristics of plants except fertilizer, soil amendments, agricultural liming materials,			
488	animal and vegetable manure, pesticides, or plant regulators.			
489	(27) "Primary nutrient" includes total nitrogen, available phosphate, and soluble			
490	potash.			
491	[(14)] (28) "Registrant" means $[any]$ a person who registers a $[commercial]$ fertilizer or			
492	a soil amendment under [the provisions of] this chapter.			
493	[(15) (a) "Soil amendment" means any substance that is intended to improve the			
494	physical characteristics of soil.]			
495	[(b) "Soil amendment" does not include any commercial fertilizer, agriculture liming			
496	materials, unmanipulated animal manure, unmanipulated vegetable manure, pesticides, or other			
497	material exempt by rule of the department.]			
498	(29) "Secondary nutrient" includes calcium, magnesium, and sulfur.			
499	(30) "Slow release fertilizer" means a fertilizer in a form that releases, or converts to a			
500	plant-available form, plant nutrients at a slower rate relative to an appropriate reference soluble			
501	<u>product.</u>			
502	(31) "Soil amending ingredient" means a substance that will improve the physical,			
503	chemical, biochemical, biological, or other characteristics of the soil.			
504	(32) "Soil amendment" means a substance or a mixture of substances that is intended			

505	to improve the physical, chemical, biochemical, biological, or other characteristics of the soil,			
506	except fertilizers, agricultural liming materials, unmanipulated animal manures, unmanipulated			
507	vegetable manures, or pesticides.			
508	[(16)] (33) "Specialty fertilizer" means [any commercial] fertilizer distributed primarily			
509	for non-farm use, such as home gardens, lawns, shrubbery, flowers, golf courses, municipal			
510	parks, cemeteries, greenhouses, and nurseries.			
511	$[\frac{(17)}{(34)}]$ "Ton" means a net weight of 2,000 pounds avoirdupois.			
512	Section 7. Section 4-13-103 is amended to read:			
513	4-13-103. Distribution of fertilizer or soil amendment Registration required			
514	Application Fees Expiration Renewal Exemptions specified Blenders and			
515	mixers.			
516	(1) (a) $[Each]$ A brand and grade of $[commercial]$ fertilizer or soil amendment shall be			
517	registered in the name of the person whose name appears upon the label before being			
518	distributed in this state.			
519	(b) The application for registration shall be submitted to the department on a form			
520	prescribed and furnished by [it] the department, and shall be accompanied by a fee determined			
521	by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-103(2) for each brand and grade.			
522	(c) Upon approval by the department, a copy of the registration shall be furnished to			
523	the applicant.			
524	(d) (i) $[Each]$ A registration expires at midnight on December 31 of the year in which			
525	issued.			
526	(ii) $[Each]$ A registration is renewable for a period of one year upon the payment of an			
527	annual registration renewal fee in an amount equal to the current applicable original			
528	registration fee.			
529	(iii) [Each] A renewal fee shall be paid on or before December 31 of each year.			
530	[(2) The application for registration shall include the following information:]			
531	[(a) the net weight;]			
532	[(b) the brand and grade;]			

533	[(c) the guaranteed analysis;]		
534	[(d) the name and address of the registrant; and]		
535	[(e) any other information as the department may prescribe by rule.]		
536	[(3)] (2) A distributor is not required to register [any commercial fertilizer which]		
537	fertilizer that has been registered by another person under this chapter if the label does not		
538	differ in any respect.		
539	[(4)] (3) (a) A [distributor] blender is not required to register each grade of		
540	[commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment formulated according to specifications provided by		
541	consumer before mixing, but is required to:		
542	(i) [register] license the name under which the business of blending or mixing is		
543	conducted;		
544	(ii) pay an annual blenders license fee determined by the department pursuant to		
545	Subsection 4-2-103(2); and		
546	(iii) label the [mixed] fertilizer or soil amendment as provided in Section 4-13-104.		
547	(b) (i) A blenders license [shall expire] expires at midnight on December 31 of the year		
548	in which [it] the license is issued.		
549	(ii) A blenders license is renewable for a period of one year upon the payment of an		
550	annual license renewal fee in an amount equal to the current applicable original blenders		
551	license fee.		
552	(iii) [Each] A renewal fee shall be paid on or before December 31 of each year.		
553	[(5)] (4) (a) A tonnage fee shall be assessed on fertilizer and soil amendment products		
554	sold in the state.		
555	(b) The fee shall be[: (i)] determined by the department pursuant to Subsection		
556	4-2-103(2)[; and].		
557	[(ii) paid by the manufacturer or distributor on a schedule specified by rule.]		
558	(c) When more than one person is involved in the distribution of a fertilizer or soil		
559	amendment, the final person who has the fertilizer or soil amendment registered and distributed		
560	to a non-registrant or consumer is responsible for reporting the tonnage and paying the tonnage		

561	fee, unless the report and payment is made by a prior distributor of the fertilizer or soil			
562	amendment.			
563	(d) The tonnage report shall be submitted on a form provided by the department on or			
564	before December 31 annually covering shipments made during the preceding 12-month period			
565	from November 1 to October 31.			
566	[(c)] (e) Revenue generated by the fee shall be deposited [in] into the General Fund as			
567	dedicated credits to be used by the department for education and research about and promotion			
568	of proper fertilizer and soil amendment distribution, handling, and use.			
569	Section 8. Section 4-13-104 is amended to read:			
570	4-13-104. Labeling requirements for fertilizer and soil amendments specified.			
571	(1) A container of fertilizer distributed in this state shall bear a label in clearly legible			
572	and conspicuous form setting forth the:			
573	(a) brand name and grade;			
574	(b) guaranteed analysis, except that:			
575	(i) sources of nutrients, when shown on the label, shall be listed below the completed			
576	guaranteed analysis in order of predominance;			
577	(ii) guarantees of zeros may not be made and may not appear in statement except in			
578	nutrient guarantee breakdowns; and			
579	(iii) if chemical forms of nitrogen are claimed or required, the form shall be shown, but			
580	no implied order of the forms of nitrogen is intended;			
581	(c) derivation statement of guaranteed nutrients, nonplant food ingredients, and			
582	beneficial substances or compounds if present;			
583	(d) directions for use when applicable;			
584	(e) caution or warning statement when applicable;			
585	(f) name and address of the registrant or the manufacturer, if different from the			
586	registrant;			
587	(g) net weight or volume; and			
588	(h) lot number			

589	$[(1)]$ (2) $[Each]$ \underline{A} container of specialty $[commercial]$ fertilizer distributed in this state	
590	shall bear a label in clear, legible, and conspicuous form setting forth[:] the information	
591	specified in Subsections (1)(a) through (h).	
592	[(a) its net weight;]	
593	[(b) brand and grade;]	
594	[(c) guaranteed analysis;]	
595	[(d) the name and address of the registrant; and]	
596	[(e) the lot number.]	
597	[(2) (a) Each bulk shipment of commercial fertilizer distributed in this state shall be	
598	accompanied by a printed or written statement setting forth the information specified in	
599	Subsections (1)(a) through (e).]	
600	[(b) The statement shall be delivered to the purchaser at the time the bulk fertilizer is	
501	delivered.]	
502	[(3) Each sale of packaged mixed fertilizer shall be labeled, or labeling furnished the	
503	consumer, to show its net weight, guaranteed analysis, lot number, and the name and address of	
504	the distributor.]	
505	[(4) (a) Each container of soil amendment shall conform to the requirements of	
606	Subsection (1), and if distributed in bulk, with Subsection (2).	
507	[(b) The name or chemical designation and content of the soil amending ingredient or	
608	any other information prescribed by rule of the department shall appear whether distributed in	
509	container or in bulk.]	
510	(3) A shipment of custom blend fertilizer shall be accompanied by a printed or written	
511	statement setting forth the:	
512	(a) information specified in Subsections (1)(a) through (c);	
513	(b) name and address of the licensed blender;	
514	(c) net weight or volume; and	
615	(d) lot number.	
616	(4) A shipment of fertilizer material shall be accompanied by a printed or written	

617	statement setting forth the:		
618	(a) information specified in Subsections (1)(a) through (c);		
619	(b) name and address of the registrant if different from the supplier or shipper;		
620	(c) net weight or volume; and		
621	(d) lot number.		
622	(5) The grade is not required on a fertilizer label when no primary nutrients are claimed		
623	or are less than one percent.		
624	(6) Additional nutrient guarantees may not be an extension of the grade statement and		
625	shall be a separate line or include terms such as "plus," "with," or "including."		
626	(7) A soil amendment distributed in the state shall bear a label in clearly legible and		
627	conspicuous form setting forth the:		
628	(a) brand name;		
629	(b) guaranteed analysis, which includes:		
630	(i) nonplant food ingredients separated out by soil amending ingredients and other total		
631	ingredients, in that order, by percentages; and		
632	(ii) nonsoil amending ingredients separating out beneficial substances and beneficial		
633	compounds, in that order, by percentage or acceptable units;		
634	(c) purpose of product;		
635	(d) direction for application;		
636	(e) caution or warning statement when applicable;		
637	(f) name and address of registrant; and		
638	(g) net weight or volume.		
639	(8) The department may require proof of claims made, usefulness, and value of the soil		
640	amendments.		
641	(9) For evidence of proof the department may rely on experimental data, evaluations,		
642	or advice supplied from such sources as the director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.		
643	The experimental design shall be related to state conditions for which the product is intended.		
644	(10) Information or a statement may not appear on a package, label, delivery slip, or		

645	advertising matter that is false or misleading to the purchaser as to the use, value, quality,		
646	analysis, type, or composition of the soil amendment.		
647	(11) A fertilizer is misbranded if:		
648	(a) the fertilizer's labeling is false or misleading in any particular;		
649	(b) the fertilizer is distributed under the name of another fertilizer product;		
650	(c) the fertilizer is not labeled as required; or		
651	(d) the fertilizer purports to be or is represented as fertilizer, or is represented as		
652	containing a plant nutrient fertilizer that does not conform with the definition of identity or any		
653	commonly accepted definitions of official fertilizer terms.		
654	Section 9. Section 4-13-105 is amended to read:		
655	4-13-105. Enforcement Inspection and samples authorized Methods for		
656	sampling and analysis prescribed Warrants.		
657	(1) The department shall periodically sample, inspect, analyze, and test [commercial]		
658	fertilizers and soil amendments distributed within this state to determine if they comply with		
659	this chapter.		
660	[(2) Methods of analysis and sampling shall be in accordance with those adopted by the		
661	department from sources such as the Association of Official Analytical Chemists Journal.]		
662	(2) (a) The methods of sampling and analysis shall be those adopted by the AOAC		
663	International.		
664	(b) In a case not covered by the methods adopted under Subsection (2)(a), or in a case		
665	when a method is available in which improved applicability has been demonstrated, the		
666	department may adopt appropriate methods from other sources.		
667	(3) In determining whether a [commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment is deficient, the		
668	department shall be guided solely by the official sample.		
669	(4) (a) The department [is authorized to] may enter any public or private premises or		
670	carriers during regular business hours [in order] to have access to [commercial] fertilizers or		
671	soil amendments and records relating to the distribution of fertilizers and soil amendments		
672	subject to this chapter.		

673	(b) If admittance is refused, the department may proceed immediately to obtain an ex			
674	parte warrant from the nearest court of competent jurisdiction to allow entry upon the premises			
675	for the purpose of making inspections and obtaining samples.			
676	(5) The department shall distribute the results of an official sample.			
677	(6) The department shall retain an official sample for a minimum of 90 days from the			
678	issuance of a report.			
679	Section 10. Section 4-13-106 is amended to read:			
680	4-13-106. Distribution of fertilizers not complying with labeling requirements			
681	prohibited Penalty assessed Court action to vacate or amend finding authorized.			
682	(1) $[No]$ A person $[shall]$ may not distribute in this state a $[commercial]$ fertilizer,			
683	fertilizer material, soil amendment, or specialty fertilizer if the official sample thereof			
684	establishes that the [commercial] fertilizer, fertilizer material, soil amendment, or specialty			
685	fertilizer is deficient in the nutrients or ingredients guaranteed on the label by an amount			
686	exceeding the values established by rule [or if the overall index value of the official sample is			
687	below the level established by rule].			
688	[(2) If an official sample, after analysis, demonstrates the guaranteed analysis is			
689	deficient in one or more of its primary plant foods (NPK) beyond the investigational allowance			
690	prescribed by rule, or if the over-all index value of the official sample is below the level			
691	established by rule, a penalty of three times the commercial value of the deficiency or			
692	deficiencies of the lot represented by the official sample may be assessed against the			
693	registrant.]			
694	[(3) All penalties assessed under this section shall be paid to the department within			
695	three months after notice from the department.]			
696	(2) The department shall evaluate and take administrative action the department			
697	prescribes for a deficiency beyond the investigational allowances established by the			
698	department.			
699	[(4)] (3) $[Any]$ A registrant aggrieved by the finding of an official sample deficiency			
700	may file a complaint with a court of competent jurisdiction to vacate or amend the finding of			

701	the	department
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Section 11. Section **4-13-108** is amended to read:

4-13-108. Denial, suspension, or revocation authorized -- Grounds -- Stop sale, use, or removal order authorized -- Court action -- Procedure -- Costs.

- (1) The department may <u>deny</u>, revoke, or suspend the <u>license for a blender or the</u> registration of [<u>any</u>] <u>a</u> brand of [<u>commercial</u>] fertilizer or soil amendment[, <u>or refuse to register</u> any brand of commercial fertilizer or soil amendment] upon satisfactory evidence that the <u>licensee or registrant</u> has used fraudulent or deceptive practices in <u>licensure</u>, registration, or distribution in this state.
- (2) (a) The department may issue a "stop sale, use, or removal order" to the owner or person in possession of any designated lot of [commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment [which it] that the department finds or has reason to believe is being offered or exposed for sale in violation of this chapter.
- (b) The order shall be in writing and [no commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment subject to [it shall] the order may not be moved or offered or exposed for sale, except upon the subsequent written release of the department.
- (c) Before a release is issued, the department may require the owner or person in possession of the "stopped" lot to pay the expense incurred by the department in connection with the withdrawal of the product from the market.
- (3) (a) The department [is authorized] may seek in a court of competent jurisdiction [to seek] an order of seizure or condemnation of [any fertilizer which] any fertilizer that violates this chapter or, upon proper grounds, to obtain a temporary restraining order or permanent injunction, to prevent violation of this chapter.
- (b) $[No] \underline{A}$ bond $[shall] \underline{may not}$ be required of the department in any injunctive proceeding under this section.
- (4) If condemnation is ordered, the fertilizer or soil amendment shall be disposed of as the court directs[; provided, that in no event shall it], except that the court may not order condemnation without giving the claimant of the fertilizer or soil amendment an opportunity to

729	apply to the court for permission to relabel, reprocess, or otherwise bring the product into
730	conformance, or to remove [it] the fertilizer or soil amendment from the state.
731	(5) If the court orders condemnation of the [commercial] fertilizer or soil amendment,
732	court costs, fees, storage, and other expenses shall be awarded against the claimant of the
733	fertilizer or soil amendment.
734	Section 12. Section 4-13-109 is amended to read:
735	4-13-109. Sales or exchanges of fertilizers or soil amendments between
736	manufacturers, importers, or manipulators permitted.
737	[Nothing in this] This chapter [shall] may not be construed to restrict or avoid sales or
738	exchanges of [commercial] fertilizers or soil amendments to each other by importers,
739	manufacturers, or manipulators who mix fertilizer or soil amendment materials for sale or as
740	preventing the free and unrestricted shipment of [commercial] fertilizer or soil amendments to
741	manufacturers or manipulators who have registered their brands as required by this chapter.
742	Section 13. Section 4-13-110 is enacted to read:
743	4-13-110. Department may make and enforce rules Cooperation with state and
744	federal agencies authorized.
745	(1) (a) The department may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
746	Administrative Rulemaking Act, and enforce the rules to administer and enforce this chapter.
747	(b) The department shall by rule adopt the official terms, tables, definitions, and
748	statements adopted by the Association of American Plant Food Control officials and published
749	in the official publications of that organization.
750	(2) The department may enter into agreements with other agencies of the state, other
751	states, and agencies of the federal government to administer and enforce this chapter.
752	(3) The department may use the following terms in rule made in accordance with Title
753	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to the extent that the department is
754	authorized to make rules by a provision other than this Subsection (3):
755	(a) biostimulant;
756	(b) bulk fertilizer;

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757	(c) plant amendment;
758	(d) secondary nutrient; and
759	(e) slow release fertilizer.
760	Section 14. Section 4-23-106 is amended to read:
761	4-23-106. Department to issue licenses and permits Department to issue
762	aircraft use permits Aerial hunting.
763	(1) The department is responsible for the issuance of permits and licenses for the
764	purposes of the federal Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.
765	(2) A private person may not use [any] an aircraft for the prevention of damage without
766	first obtaining a use permit from the department.
767	(3) The department may issue an annual permit for aerial hunting to a private person
768	for the protection of land, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or
769	crops, if the person shows that the person or the person's designated pilot, along with the
770	aircraft to be used in the aerial hunting, are licensed and qualified in accordance with the
771	requirements of the department set by rule.
772	(4) The department may predicate the issuance or retention of a permit for aerial
773	hunting upon the permittee's full and prompt disclosure of information as the department may
774	request for submission pursuant to rules made by the department.
775	(5) The department shall collect an annual fee, set in accordance with Section
776	63J-1-504, from a person who has an aircraft for which a permit is issued or renewed under this
777	section.
778	(6) Aerial hunting activity under a permit issued by the department is restricted to:
779	(a) (i) private lands that are owned or managed by the permittee;
780	(ii) state grazing allotments where the permittee is permitted by the state or the State
781	Institutional Trust Lands Administration to graze livestock; or
782	(iii) federal grazing allotments where the permittee is permitted by the United States
783	Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service to graze livestock; and

(b) only during the time period[: (i) for purposes of Subsection (6)(a)(ii) or (iii), that

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785 under an active permit the permittee may graze or run livestock on the land; and (ii) for which 786 the private land owner has provided written permission for the aerial hunting. (7) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah 787 788 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that are necessary to carry out the purpose of this section. (8) The issuance of an aerial hunting permit or license under this section does not 789 790 authorize the holder to use aircraft to hunt, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect 791 protected wildlife, as defined in Section 23-13-2, unless also authorized by the Division of 792 Wildlife Resources under Section 23-20-12. 793 Section 15. Section **4-24-304** is amended to read: 794 4-24-304. Brand inspection required before slaughter -- Exceptions. (1) Except as provided in [Subsection] Subsections (2) and (3), a brand inspection is 795 796 required before any cattle, calves, horses, domesticated elk, or mules are slaughtered. 797 (2) (a) A person may slaughter cattle, calves, horses, or mules for that person's own use 798 without a brand inspection if the requirements of Section 4-32-106 are met. 799 (b) The department may authorize a custom exempt slaughter facility or a farm custom 800 slaughter licensee to verify ownership of cattle, calves, horses, or mules before slaughter for the 801 owner's use. 802 (c) A custom exempt slaughter facility or farm custom slaughter licensee authorized by 803 the department, shall verify ownership of cattle, calves, horses, or mules before slaughter for 804 the owner's use. 805 (d) If the department has reason to believe that a licensee or registrant is or has engaged 806 in conduct that violates this chapter, the department shall issue a notice of agency action 807 pursuant to Section 4-1-106. 808 (3) The department may authorize a state or department employee to verify ownership 809 of cattle or calves at a licensed meat establishment before slaughter, if there is no change in 810 ownership of the cattle or calves.

Section 16. Section **4-24-308** is amended to read:

4-24-308. Brand inspection fees.

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813	(1) The department with the approval of the Livestock Brand Board may set and collect
814	a fee for the:
815	(a) issuance of any certificate of brand inspection[-];
816	(b) verification of ownership at a custom exempt slaughter facility before slaughter for
817	the owner's use;
818	(c) verification of ownership by a farm custom slaughter licensee before slaughter for
819	the owner's use; or
820	(d) verification of ownership by a state or department employee at a meat
821	establishment where there is no transfer of ownership.
822	(2) Brand inspection fees incurred for the inspection of such animals at a livestock
823	market may be withheld by the market and paid from the proceeds derived from their sale.
824	(3) The fee shall be determined by the department pursuant to Subsection 4-2-103(2).
825	Section 17. Section 17D-3-102 is amended to read:
826	17D-3-102. Definitions.
827	As used in this chapter:
828	(1) "Commission" means the Conservation Commission, created in Section 4-18-104.
829	(2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department.
830	[(2)] (3) "Conservation district" means a limited purpose local government entity, as
831	described in Section 17D-3-103, that operates under, is subject to, and has the powers set forth
832	in this chapter.
833	[(3)] (4) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Food, created in
834	Section 4-2-102.
835	Section 18. Section 17D-3-103 is amended to read:
836	17D-3-103. Conservation district status, authority, and duties.
837	(1) A conservation district created under this chapter:
838	(a) is a body corporate and politic;
839	(b) is a political subdivision of the state; and
840	(c) may sue and be sued.

841	(2) (a) A conservation district may:
842	(i) survey, investigate, and research soil erosion, floodwater, nonpoint source water
843	pollution, flood control, water pollution, sediment damage, and watershed development;
844	(ii) subject to Subsection (2)(b), devise and implement on state or private land a
845	measure to prevent soil erosion, floodwater or sediment damage, nonpoint source water
846	pollution, or other degradation of a watershed or of property affecting a watershed;
847	(iii) subject to Subsection (2)(b), devise and implement a measure to conserve,
848	develop, utilize, or dispose of water on state or private land;
849	(iv) construct, improve, operate, and maintain a structure that the board of supervisors
850	considers necessary or convenient for the conservation district to carry out its purposes under
851	this chapter;
852	(v) acquire property, real or personal, by purchase or otherwise, and maintain, improve,
853	and administer that property consistent with the purposes of this chapter;
854	(vi) enter into a contract in the name of the conservation district;
855	(vii) receive money from:
856	(A) a federal or state agency;
857	(B) a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state; or
858	(C) a private source;
859	(viii) subject to Subsection (2)(c), make recommendations governing land use within
860	the conservation district, including:
861	(A) the observance of particular methods of cultivation;
862	(B) the use of specific crop programs and tillage practices;
863	(C) the avoidance of tilling and cultivating highly erosive areas where erosion may not
864	be adequately controlled if cultivated;
865	(D) the construction of terraces, terrace outlets, check dams, dikes, ponds, or other
866	structures; and
867	(E) the development or restoration, or both, of range or forest lands or other natural
868	resources, whether in private, state, or federal ownership;

869	(ix) plan watershed and flood control projects in cooperation with local, state, and
870	federal authorities, and coordinate flood control projects in the state;
871	(x) make recommendations for county and municipal land use authorities within the
872	conservation district to consider with respect to land use applications and other development
873	proposals;
874	(xi) employ clerical and other staff personnel, including legal staff, subject to available
875	[funds] money; and
876	(xii) perform any other act that the board of supervisors considers necessary or
877	convenient for the efficient and effective administration of the conservation district.
878	(b) A conservation district's authority under Subsections (2)(a)(ii) and (iii) is subject to
879	the consent of:
880	(i) the land occupier or owner; and
881	(ii) in the case of school and institutional trust lands, as defined in Section 53C-1-103,
882	the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, in accordance with
883	Sections 53C-1-102 and 53C-1-303.
884	(c) (i) [Each] A recommendation under Subsection (2)(a)(viii) shall be uniform
885	throughout the conservation district or, if the board of supervisors classifies land under
886	Subsection (2)(c)(ii), throughout each land classification.
887	(ii) The board of supervisors may uniformly classify land within the conservation
888	district with respect to soil type, degree of slope, degree of threatened or existing erosion,
889	cropping and tillage practices in use, or other relevant factors.
890	(3) (a) $[Each]$ \underline{A} conservation district shall annually submit to the commission, no later
891	than the date that the commission prescribes:
892	(i) a copy of the minutes of each conservation district meeting;
893	(ii) a copy of the conservation district's annual work plan; and
894	(iii) an accounting of the conservation district's financial affairs, as provided in
895	Subsection (3)(b).
896	(b) The accounting required under Subsection (3)(a)(iii) shall:

897	(i) be prepared by a disinterested person; and
898	(ii) show the conservation district's debits and credits, including accounts payable and
899	accounts receivable, the purpose of each debit, the source of each credit, and the actual cash
900	balance on hand.
901	(4) (a) [Each] A conservation district shall register and maintain the conservation
902	district's registration as a limited purpose entity, in accordance with Section 67-1a-15.
903	(b) A conservation district that fails to comply with Subsection (4)(a) or Section
904	67-1a-15 is subject to enforcement by the state auditor, in accordance with Section 67-3-1.
905	Section 19. Section 17D-3-203 is amended to read:
906	17D-3-203. Considerations in determining whether to approve conservation
907	district creation, consolidation, division, or dissolution Denial or approval Notice and
908	plat to lieutenant governor Recording requirements Prohibition against considering
909	similar creation, consolidation, division, or dissolution if previously denied.
910	(1) In determining whether to approve the creation of a conservation district, the
911	consolidation of existing conservation districts, or the division or dissolution of an existing
912	conservation district, the commission shall consider:
913	(a) the demonstrated necessity and administrative practicality of the creation,
914	consolidation, division, or dissolution;
915	(b) the topography of and soil compositions and prevailing land use practices within
916	the area of the proposed or existing conservation district or districts;
917	(c) the hydrologic unit code of the watershed in which the area of the proposed or
918	existing conservation district or districts is located;
919	(d) the relationship of the area of the proposed or existing conservation district or
920	districts to existing watersheds and agricultural regions; and
921	(e) the sentiment expressed by persons within the area of the proposed or existing
922	conservation district or districts with respect to the proposed creation, consolidation, division,
923	or dissolution.

(2) After holding a public hearing as required under Subsection 17D-3-201(2)(b) and

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925	considering the factors listed in Subsection (1), the commission shall:
926	(a) (i) disapprove the creation of a conservation district, the consolidation of existing
927	conservation districts, or the division or dissolution of an existing conservation district, [as the
928	case may be,] if the commission determines that creation, consolidation, division, or
929	dissolution is not necessary or administratively practical; or
930	(ii) approve the creation of a conservation district, the consolidation of existing
931	conservation districts, or the division or dissolution of an existing conservation district, [as the
932	case may be,] if the commission determines that creation, consolidation, division, or
933	dissolution is necessary and administratively practical; and
934	(b) set forth in writing the reasons for the commission's action.
935	(3) (a) If the commission approves the creation, consolidation, division, or dissolution
936	the commission shall:
937	(i) deliver to the lieutenant governor:
938	(A) a copy of a notice of an impending boundary action, as defined in Section
939	67-1a-6.5, that meets the requirements of Subsection 67-1a-6.5(3); and
940	(B) except in the case of a dissolution, a copy of an approved final local entity plat, as
941	defined in Section 67-1a-6.5; and
942	(ii) upon the lieutenant governor's issuance of a certificate of boundary action under
943	Section 67-1a-6.5:
944	(A) if the conservation district is or, in the case of dissolution, was located within the
945	boundary of a single county, submit to the recorder of that county:
946	(I) the original:
947	(Aa) notice of an impending boundary action;
948	(Bb) certificate of boundary action; and
949	(Cc) except in the case of dissolution, approved final local entity plat; and
950	(II) a certified copy of the document that the commission adopted approving the
951	boundary action; or

(B) if the conservation district is or, in the case of a dissolution, was located within the

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953	boundaries of more than a single county:
954	(I) submit to the recorder of one of those counties:
955	(Aa) the original of the documents listed in Subsections (3)(a)(ii)(A)(I)(Aa), (Bb), and
956	(Cc); and
957	(Bb) a certified copy of the document that the commission adopted approving the
958	boundary action; and
959	(II) submit to the recorder of each other county:
960	(Aa) a certified copy of the documents listed in Subsections (3)(a)(ii)(A)(I)(Aa), (Bb),
961	and (Cc); and
962	(Bb) a certified copy of the document that the commission adopted approving the
963	boundary action.
964	(b) Upon the lieutenant governor's issuance of the certificate of creation, consolidation,
965	division, or dissolution under Section 67-1a-6.5, [as the case may be,] the conservation district
966	is created and incorporated, consolidated, divided, or dissolved, respectively.
967	(4) If the commission disapproves a creation, consolidation, division, or dissolution
968	under Subsection (2)(a)(i), the commission may not, for six months following the denial,
969	consider a similar proposal to create, divide, or dissolve the conservation district or to
970	consolidate the conservation districts, as the case may be.
971	Section 20. Section 17D-3-301 is amended to read:
972	17D-3-301. Board of supervisors Number Term Chair and officers
973	Quorum Compensation.
974	(1) [Each] A board of supervisors shall govern a conservation district [shall be
975	governed by a board of supervisors].
976	(2) [(a)] The board of supervisors of a conservation district consists of five members
977	[elected] appointed as provided in this part, at least three of whom shall be private agricultural
978	land operators.
979	[(b) If the board of supervisors divides the conservation district into watershed voting
980	areas under Section 17D-3-308, at least one member of the board of supervisors shall reside

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901	within each watershed voting area.

(3) (a) [The] Subject to Subsection (3)(c), the term of office of [each] a member of a board of supervisors is four years.

- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), if multiple conservation districts are consolidated or a single conservation district divided or dissolved under Part 2, Creation, Consolidation, Division, and Dissolution of Conservation Districts:
- (i) the term of each member of the board of supervisors of the consolidated conservation districts or the divided or dissolved conservation district terminates immediately upon consolidation, division, or dissolution; and
- (ii) (A) the [commission shall hold an election] commissioner shall appoint a new board of supervisors, as provided in this part, [for all board of supervisors members of] for the consolidated conservation district or divided conservation districts, as the case may be; and
- (B) <u>subject to Subsection (3)(c)</u>, the term of [the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at an election under Subsection (3)(b)(ii)(A) shall be four years, and the term of the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be two years] <u>office of</u> a member of the board of supervisors appointed is four years.
- (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Subsection (3), the commissioner may, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of the board is appointed every two years.
- (4) The board of supervisors shall elect a chair from among their number <u>for a term of one year</u>, and may elect other officers from among their number that the board considers necessary.
- (5) A majority of the board of supervisors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business, and action by a majority of a quorum present at a meeting of the board constitutes action of the board.
- (6) For performing official duties, [each] <u>a</u> member of the board of supervisors of a conservation district shall receive:

1009	(a) per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Section 11-55-103; and
1010	(b) actual and necessary expenses as determined by the department.
1011	Section 21. Section 17D-3-302 is amended to read:
1012	17D-3-302. Board of supervisors members to be appointed Candidates
1013	nominated by nominating committee Candidate qualifications Nomination
1014	committee.
1015	(1) As provided in this part, [each] the commissioner shall appoint a member of a
1016	board of supervisors of a conservation district [shall be elected at large within the conservation
1017	district] from candidates nominated by[:(a)-] a nominating committee consisting of:
1018	[(i)] (a) the chair of the commission or council of the county in which the conservation
1019	district is located;
1020	[(ii)] (b) the chair of the USDA Farm Service Agency Committee of the county in
1021	which the conservation district is located;
1022	[(iii) (A)] (c) (i) the chair of the board of supervisors of the conservation district; or
1023	[(B)] (ii) the chair's designee, if the chair wishes to be a candidate for [reelection;]
1024	reappointment; and
1025	[(iv)] (d) the agricultural extension service designated representative of the county in
1026	which the conservation district is located[; or].
1027	[(b) petition under Section 17D-3-304.]
1028	(2) The commissioner may remove an individual from the nominating committee upon
1029	the request of the group the individual represents.
1030	[(2)] (3) [Each candidate for election] A candidate for appointment to the board of
1031	supervisors of a conservation district shall be:
1032	(a) at least 18 years of age; and
1033	(b) a resident within the conservation district.
1034	Section 22. Section 17D-3-303 is amended to read:
1035	17D-3-303. Nominating committee nomination of candidates for appointment to
1036	the board of supervisors.

1037	The nominating committee under Subsection 17D-3-302(1)[(a)] shall:
1038	(1) nominate for $[\frac{\text{each}}{\text{a}}]$ a conservation district $[\frac{\text{election}}{\text{election}}]$ a slate of candidates for
1039	[election] appointment to the board of supervisors of the conservation district equal or greater
1040	in number to [at least one more than] the number of board of supervisors members to be
1041	[elected] appointed; and
1042	(2) submit the names of candidates to the [commission] commissioner no later than the
1043	date set by the commission as the close of nominations.
1044	Section 23. Section 17D-3-304 is amended to read:
1045	17D-3-304. Petition to nominate candidates for appointment to the board of
1046	supervisors.
1047	(1) [A] <u>In addition to the procedure in Section 17D-3-302</u> , a person may be nominated
1048	to be a candidate for [election] appointment as a member of a board of supervisors of a
1049	conservation district by a petition filed with the [commission] department no later than the date
1050	set by the commission as the close of nominations.
1051	(2) [Each] A petition under Subsection (1) shall[:(a)] state:
1052	[(i)] (a) the candidate's name;
1053	[(ii)] (b) that the candidate is at least 18 years of age; [and]
1054	[(iii)] (c) that the candidate for appointment is a resident of the conservation district for
1055	which the [election] <u>nomination for candidacy</u> is to be held; <u>and</u>
1056	[(b)] (d) contain the [signatures of at least six persons who reside and are registered
1057	voters within the conservation district; and (c) list the name, address, and voting precinct
1058	number of each person who signs the petition.] notarized signature of the candidate.
1059	(3) The department shall forward a petition received under this section to the
1060	nominating committee for consideration under Sections 17D-3-302 and 17D-3-303.
1061	Section 24. Section 17D-3-305 is amended to read:
1062	17D-3-305. Setting the date of nomination of the board of supervisors Notice
1063	requirements.
1064	(1) The commission shall set the date of the [election] <u>nomination</u> of members of the

1065	board of supervisors of a conservation district.
1066	(2) The commission shall publish notice of the [election] nomination day described in
1067	Subsection (1):
1068	(a) (i) in a newspaper of general circulation within the conservation district at least
1069	once, no later than four weeks before the day of the [election] nomination; or
1070	(ii) if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the conservation district, at least
1071	four weeks before the [day of the election] nomination day, by posting one notice, and at least
1072	one additional notice per 2,000 population of the conservation district, in places within the
1073	conservation district that are most likely to give notice to the [voters] residents in the
1074	conservation district; [or]
1075	[(iii) at least four weeks before the day of the election, by mailing notice to each
1076	registered voter in the conservation district;]
1077	(b) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701, for four weeks
1078	before the day of the [election] nomination;
1079	(c) in accordance with Section 45-1-101, for four weeks before the day of the [election]
1080	nomination; and
1081	(d) if the conservation district has a website, on the conservation district's website for
1082	four weeks before the day of the [election] nomination.
1083	(3) The [date set for an election under Subsection (1) may not be] commissioner shall
1084	appoint the board of members by no later than six weeks after the date set by the commission
1085	for the close of nominations.
1086	(4) The notice required under Subsection (2) shall[: (a)] state:
1087	[(i)] (a) the nomination date [of the election]; and
1088	[(ii) the names of all candidates; and]
1089	[(iii) that a ballot request form for the election may be obtained from the commission
1090	office or from any other place that the commission designates; and

[(b) specify the address of the commission office or other place where a ballot request

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form may be obtained.]

1093	(b) the number of open board member positions for the conservation district.
1094	Section 25. Section 17D-3-310 is amended to read:
1095	17D-3-310. Vacancies in the board of supervisors.
1096	If a vacancy occurs in the office of board of supervisors member, the remaining
1097	members of the board of supervisors shall [appoint a person] nominate an individual to the
1098	commissioner to appoint to fill the vacancy, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the
1099	member creating the vacancy.
1100	Section 26. Section 17D-3-311 is amended to read:
1101	17D-3-311. Training for board members.
1102	(1) A member of a board of supervisors shall, within one year after [taking office]
1103	appointment, complete the training described in Subsection (2).
1104	(2) The state auditor shall, with the assistance of the commission and an association
1105	that represents conservation districts, develop a training curriculum for a member of the board
1106	of supervisors and conduct the training.
1107	Section 27. Section 26-15-1 is amended to read:
1108	26-15-1. Definitions.
1109	As used in this chapter:
1110	(1) (a) "Food handler" means any person working part-time or full-time in a food
1111	service establishment who:
1112	(i) moves food or food containers, prepares, stores, or serves food;
1113	(ii) comes in contact with any food, utensil, tableware or equipment; or
1114	(iii) washes the same. [The term also]
1115	(b) "Food handler" includes:
1116	(i) owners, supervisors, and management persons, and any other person working in a
1117	food-service establishment[. The term also includes any]; or
1118	(ii) an operator or person:
1119	(A) employed by one who handles food dispensed through vending machines; [or]
1120	(B) who comes into contact with food contact surfaces or containers, equipment,

1121 utensils, or packaging materials used in connection with vending machine operations; or 1122 (C) who otherwise services or maintains one or more vending machines. [(b)] (c) "Food handler" does not include a producer of food products selling food at a 1123 1124 farmers market as defined in [Subsection] Section 4-5-102[(5)]. (2) "Pest" means a noxious, destructive, or troublesome organism whether plant or 1125 1126 animal, when found in and around places of human occupancy, habitation, or use which 1127 threatens the public health or well being of the people within the state. (3) "Vector" means any organism, such as insects or rodents, that transmits a pathogen 1128 1129 that can affect public health. 1130 Section 28. Section **59-10-1304** is amended to read: 1131 59-10-1304. Removal of designation and prohibitions on collection for certain contributions on income tax return -- Conditions for removal and prohibitions on 1132 1133 collection -- Commission publication requirements. 1134 (1) (a) If a contribution or combination of contributions described in Subsection (1)(b) generate less than \$30,000 per year for three consecutive years, the commission shall remove 1135 the designation for the contribution from the individual income tax return and may not collect 1136 1137 the contribution from a resident or nonresident individual beginning two taxable years after the 1138 three-year period for which the contribution generates less than \$30,000 per year. 1139 (b) The following contributions apply to Subsection (1)(a): 1140 (i) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1306; (ii) the sum of the contributions provided for in Subsection 59-10-1307(1); 1141 1142 (iii) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1308; 1143 [(iv) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1310;] 1144 $[\frac{(v)}{(v)}]$ (iv) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1315; 1145 [(vi)] (v) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1318; 1146 [(vii)] (vi) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1319; or [(viii)] (vii) the contribution provided for in Section 59-10-1320. 1147 (2) If the commission removes the designation for a contribution under Subsection (1), 1148

1149	the commission shall report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee by electronic
1150	means that the commission removed the designation on or before the November interim
1151	meeting of the year in which the commission determines to remove the designation.
1152	(3) (a) Within a 30-day period after making the report required by Subsection (2), the
1153	commission shall publish a list in accordance with Subsection (3)(b) stating each contribution
1154	that the commission will remove from the individual income tax return.
1155	(b) The list shall:
1156	(i) be published on:
1157	(A) the commission's website; and
1158	(B) the public legal notice website in accordance with Section 45-1-101;
1159	(ii) include a statement that the commission:
1160	(A) is required to remove the contribution from the individual income tax return; and
1161	(B) may not collect the contribution;
1162	(iii) state the taxable year for which the removal described in Subsection (3)(a) takes
1163	effect; and
1164	(iv) remain available for viewing and searching until the commission publishes a new
1165	list in accordance with this Subsection (3).
1166	Section 29. Repealer.
1167	This bill repeals:
1168	Section 4-13-107, Department to publish commercial values applied to components
1169	of commercial fertilizer.
1170	Section 4-40-101, Title.
1171	Section 4-40-102, Cat and Dog Community Spay and Neuter Program Restricted
1172	Account Interest Use of contributions and interest.
1173	Section 17D-3-306, Eligibility to vote in an election for board of supervisors
1174	members.
1175	Section 17D-3-307, Supervisor's election mailing list.
1176	Section 17D-3-308, Watershed voting areas.

1177	Section 17D-3-309, Election of board of supervisors members Ballots
1178	Commission duties regarding elections Election expenses.
1179	Section 59-10-1310, Contribution to Cat and Dog Community Spay and Neuter
1180	Program Restricted Account.

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