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House Bill 5583
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House Bill 5584
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House Bill 5585
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House Bill 5586
Sponsor: Rep. Paul DeWeese

House Bill 5625
Sponsor: Rep. Larry DeVuyst

**Committee: Agriculture and Resource
Management**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5583-5586 AS INTRODUCED 4-13-00 AND HOUSE BILL 5625 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-00

The bills would repeal or amend a number of state laws or parts of state laws deemed obsolete by the Senate Law Revision Task Force.

House Bill 5583 would repeal Public Act 122 of 1883 (MCL 287.221 to 287.223), which requires certain livestock to be branded “in a conspicuous location,” and allows livestock owners to adopt a brand by applying to the secretary of state.

House Bill 5584 would repeal section 4 of Public Act 213 of 1962 (MCL 287.174), which encourages the raising of “started pullets” (domestic fowl between the ages of 7 to 24 weeks that are intended to be used for producing eggs). Section 4 of the 5-section act authorizes the director of the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for sanitary conditions and disease control.

House Bill 5585 would amend the Motor Fuels Quality Act (MCL 290.644a) to remove the Department of Agriculture’s rule-making authority regarding implementation of the section of the act that requires storage tanks at retail outlets to be periodically tested for water or water-alcohol content.

House Bill 5586 would amend Public Act 181 of 1974, which governs the disposal of livestock or livestock products to repeal the section of the act (section 4) that releases the claim of

a livestock owner against the state if the owner accepts indemnification under the act. The bill also would eliminate a subsection of the act that expired September 30, 1979. (The subsection indemnified a person who owned quarantined livestock in the state for 75 percent of the loss of income due to the quarantine (“upon application in a manner prescribed by the director”). This subsection of the act also defines “loss of income due to the quarantine” to mean the income which the person owning the livestock would have received but for the quarantine and destruction of livestock, covering a period from the date of the quarantine until December 31, 1978, minus compensation for damages relating to the quarantine received from any other source.)

House Bill 5625 would repeal section 13 of the wholesale potato dealer’s act (Public Act 158 of 1964), which authorizes the director of the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules to administer and enforce the act.

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