

HOUSE BILL No. 1248

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-11-2-6.

Synopsis: Urban farming. Requires the state department of agriculture to develop and promote programs in support of urban farming, food cooperatives, and farmers' markets.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 15-11-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.25-2014,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) The general assembly declares that it is the
4 policy of the state to conserve, protect, and encourage the development
5 and improvement of agriculture, agricultural businesses, and
6 agricultural land for the production of food, fuel, fiber, and other
7 agricultural products. The Indiana Code shall be construed to protect
8 the rights of farmers to choose among all generally accepted farming
9 and livestock production practices, including the use of ever changing
10 technology.
11 (b) The department shall promote the growth of agricultural
12 businesses by doing the following:
13 (1) Assisting agricultural businesses with the permit process
14 required to conduct business in Indiana.
15 (2) Serving as a liaison between agricultural businesses, state



1 agencies, and local units of government.

2 **(c) The department shall develop and promote programs that**
3 **support urban farming, food cooperatives, and farmers' markets.**

4 **(d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary**
5 **to implement subsection (c).**

