

SENATE BILL 1934

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43,
Chapter 10, relative to the regulation of seed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114(a), is amended by inserting the following language immediately preceding the first sentence in the subsection:

Except as otherwise specifically provided for by state law, the commissioner has exclusive jurisdiction and authority over all matters related to the regulation of seed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (5) and substituting the following:

(5) Prescribe such other rules as may be necessary to secure the efficient enforcement of this part and to maintain a comprehensive scheme for regulating seed that shall be uniform and applicable throughout the state.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Except as otherwise specifically provided for by state law, the commissioner shall have the sole authority to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, or movement of agricultural seeds.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.