

Amendment to HB 1780

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to seed laws.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 New Paragraph; Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Definitions.

8 Amend RSA 433:1 by inserting after paragraph XXIII the following new paragraph:

9 XXIII-a. "Production date" means the calendar month and year that a seed lot's first  
10 germination test was completed.

11 2 New Subparagraph; Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Label  
12 Requirements for Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seeds. Amend RSA 433:2, III by inserting  
13 after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

14 (i) The production date.

15 3 Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 433:4,  
16 II(g)-(h) to read as follows:

17 II. Within the state:

18 (g) To use relabeling stickers without having both the calendar month and year the  
19 germination test was completed, the sell by date, as stated in ~~[RSA 433:2, III(g),]~~ RSA 433:2, V(c)<sub>[5]</sub>  
20 and RSA 433:2, VII(a), and the lot number that matches the existing, original lot number. Relabeling  
21 shall not occur more than once.

22 (h) ~~[To alter or falsify any seed label, seed test, laboratory report, record, or other  
23 document to create a misleading impression as to kind, kind and variety, history, quality, or origin of  
24 seed.]~~ ***To use relabeling stickers without having both the calendar month and year the***

25 ***germination test was completed, the sell by date, as stated in RSA 433:2, III(g), and the lot***  
26 ***number that matches the existing, original lot number. Any relabeling sticker shall either:***

27 (1) ***Not cover the original production date; or***

28 (2) ***Carry forward the original production date.***

29 (i) ***To sell seed more than 36 months after its production date.***

30 (j) ***To alter or falsify any seed label, seed test, laboratory report, record, or other***  
31 ***document to create a misleading impression as to kind, kind and variety, history, quality,***  
32 ***or origin of seed.***

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1        4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes the use of certain seed relabeling stickers, selling seed more than 36 months after its production date, and altering or falsify certain seed labels or documents illegal.