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HOUSE BILL ***1780***

AN ACT relative to seed laws.

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COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

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 falsifying certain seed labels or documents illegal.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 182:1 New Paragraph; Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Definitions.
2 Amend RSA 433:1 by inserting after paragraph XXIII the following new paragraph:

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

5 182:2 New Subparagraph; Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Label
6 Requirements for Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seeds. Amend RSA 433:2, III by inserting after
7 subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

8 (i) The production date.

9 182:3 Seeds, Plants and Nursery Stock; New Hampshire Seed Law; Prohibitions. Amend RSA
10 433:4, II(g)-(h) to read as follows:

11 II. Within the state:

12 (g) To use relabeling stickers without having both the calendar month and year the
13 germination test was completed, the sell by date, as stated in [RSA 433:2, III(g);] RSA 433:2, V(c);] and
14 RSA 433:2, VII(a), and the lot number that matches the existing, original lot number. Relabeling shall not
15 occur more than once.

16 (h) ~~[To alter or falsify any seed label, seed test, laboratory report, record, or other document~~
17 ~~to create a misleading impression as to kind, kind and variety, history, quality, or origin of seed.]~~ ***To use***
18 ***relabeling stickers without having both the calendar month and year the germination test was completed,***
19 ***the sell by date, as stated in RSA 433:2, III(g), and the lot number that matches the existing, original lot***
20 ***number. Any relabeling sticker shall either:***

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

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

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

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

182:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: June 19, 2026