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HOUSE BILL ***230-FN***

AN ACT directing the department of agriculture, markets, and food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of agriculture, markets, and food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview and makes an appropriation therefor.

This bill is a request of the department of agriculture, markets, and food.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT directing the department of agriculture, markets, and food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview.

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

1 New Section; Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System; Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food. Amend RSA 425 by inserting after section 12 the following new section:

425:12-a Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System. The department of agriculture, markets, and food shall design, establish, and contract with a third party for the implementation and operation of an electronic system to facilitate the handling of all departmental licensing, certification, and registration duties. Such system shall be capable of receiving electronically transmitted product registrations, license applications, certificate applications, and related materials. Authorized users shall be capable of working in offline mode when an Internet connection is not available. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to govern methods of obtaining, compiling, and maintaining such information it deems necessary to manage such database. The commissioner shall also ensure that the database is secure from unauthorized access or use.

2 Appropriation; Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food; Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System. For the purpose of developing an electronic licensing, certification, and registration system under RSA 425:12-a, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $360,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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HB 230-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**
Appropriation	$0	$360,000	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	$360,000 to $500,000	$196,000	$196,000
Funding Source:	[X] General	[ ] Education	[ ] Highway	[ ] Other

METHODOLOGY:

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview and makes an appropriation therefore.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food provided the following information and assumptions concerning the fiscal impact of this bill:

- The new system would be web-based, hosted by a vendor and no state hardware or software would be required to implement the system. The system would meet the requirements of the Divisions of Pesticide Controls, Regulatory Services, Plant Industries and Weights & Measures. (It would not include the Animal Records Database system).
- The estimate from one vendor, assumes one-time professional fees and commissioning fees to implement the new system ranging from $360,000 to $500,000. Based on the estimate, annual maintenance and subscription costs for the new system would be approximately $196,000 in every year the software is utilized by the state.
- A 5% - 7% increase per year for the software subscription should be anticipated in future years beyond the initial contract period.
- No additional full-time state staff would be required. The existing information technology lead for the Department would act as the State of New Hampshire Project Manager during the course of the project. The Department would provide the necessary Subject Matter Expert (SME) resources during the project in order to successfully implement the system.

- Assume a minimum of a 36-month implementation period once the bill is passed and signed into law. The selected vendor would provide necessary training to assure the successful transfer of knowledge during the course of the project.

The Department does not anticipate any state revenue impact would be result from this bill.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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