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# A BILL

То	amend sections 901.23, 921.12, 940.02, 941.01,	1
	941.03, 941.04, 941.06, 941.07, 941.09, 941.10,	2
	941.11, 941.14, 943.02, 943.14, 1327.46,	3
	1327.48, 1327.50, 1327.501, 1327.61, 1327.99,	4
	and 4707.02, to enact new section 3335.361 and	5
	section 1327.502, and to repeal section 3335.361	6
	of the Revised Code to include diseases of	7
	concern within the scope of the Animal Diseases	8
	Law, and to make changes to the laws governing	9
	weights and measures, livestock dealers,	10
	auctioneers, fingerprinting and background	11
	checks of 4-H volunteers, the membership of the	12
	Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, the duties	13
	of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation	14
	Commission, and the pesticide licensing renewal	15
	process.	16

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 901.23, 921.12, 940.02, 941.01,	17
941.03, 941.04, 941.06, 941.07, 941.09, 941.10, 941.11, 941.14,	18
943.02, 943.14, 1327.46, 1327.48, 1327.50, 1327.501, 1327.61,	19
1327.99, and 4707.02 be amended and new section 3335.361 and	20
section 1327.502 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as	21
follows:	22
Sec. 901.23. (A) There is hereby created the farmland	23
preservation advisory board consisting of twelve voting members	24
appointed by the director of agriculture as follows:	25
(1) One member who is a county commissioner or a	26
representative of a statewide organization that represents	27
county commissioners;	28
(2) One member who is a township trustee or a	29
representative of a statewide organization that represents	30
township trustees;	31
(3) One representative of the an Ohio state university;	32
(4) One representative of a nonprofit organization	33
dedicated to the preservation of farmland;	34
(5) One representative each of development, environmental,	35
planning, and soil and water conservation interests;	36
(6) One farmer from each of the state's four quadrants.	37
Terms of office shall be staggered and shall be for three	38
years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month	39
as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office	40
from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which	41
the member was appointed, except that the term of any member who	42
is a county commissioner or township trustee shall end when the	43
member ceases to serve as a county commissioner or township	44

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trustee.	45
Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in	46
the manner provided for original appointments. Any member	47
appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration	48
date of the term for which the member was appointed shall serve	49
for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue to serve	50
subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the	51
member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days	52
has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members shall serve at the	53
pleasure of the director.	54
The executive director of the office of farmland	55
preservation in the department of agriculture or another	56
employee of the department who is designated by the director	57
shall serve as the nonvoting chairperson of the board. The	58
director annually shall designate one member of the board to	59
serve as its vice-chairperson. The board may adopt bylaws	60
governing its operation and shall meet at a time when the	61
director, or the director's designee, considers it appropriate	62
in order for the board to provide advice as required under	63
division (B) of this section.	64
(B) The board shall provide advice to the director	65
regarding all of the following:	66
(1) The design and implementation of an agricultural	67
easement purchase program;	68
(2) The selection of applications that will be awarded	69
matching grants under division (D) of section 901.22 of the	70
Revised Code for the purchase of agricultural easements;	71

(3) The design and implementation of any other statewide

farmland protection measures that the director considers

appropriate.	74
(C) Serving as a member of the board does not constitute	75
holding a public office or position of employment under the laws	76
of this state and does not constitute grounds for removal of	77
public officers or employees from their offices or positions of	78
employment.	79
(D) A board member shall be reimbursed for actual and	80
necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of duties as a	81
board member.	82
Sec. 921.12. (A) The director of agriculture shall require	83
each applicant for a license under section 921.06 or 921.11 of	84
the Revised Code to be examined on the applicant's knowledge and	85
competency in each of the following:	86
(1) This chapter and rules adopted under it;	87
(2) The proper use, handling, and application of	88
pesticides and, if the applicant is applying for a license under	89
section 921.06 of the Revised Code, in the conducting of	90
diagnostic inspections in the pesticide-use categories for which	91
the applicant has applied.	92
(B) Each application for renewal of a license provided for	93
in section 921.06 of the Revised Code shall be filed prior to	94
the deadline established by rule. If filed after the deadline, a	95
penalty of fifty per cent shall be assessed and added to the	96
original fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the	97
renewal license is issued. However, if a license issued under	98
section 921.06 or 921.11 of the Revised Code is not renewed	99
within one <del>year of <u>hundred eighty days after</u> the date of</del>	100
expiration, the licensee shall be required to take another	101
examination on this chapter and rules adopted under it and on	102

the proper use, handling, and application of pesticides and, if	103
applicable, the proper conducting of diagnostic inspections in	104
the pesticide-use categories for which the licensee has been	105
licensed.	106
(C) A person who fails to pass an examination under	107
division (A) or (B) of this section is not entitled to an	108
adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for that	109
failure.	110
(D) The holder of a commercial applicator license may	111
renew the license within one <del>year of <u>hundred eighty days after</u></del>	112
the date of expiration without re-examination unless the	113
director determines that a new examination is necessary to	114
insure that the holder continues to meet the requirements of	115
changing technology and to assure a continuing level of	116
competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly.	117
(E) The director shall determine when holder of a private	118
applicator license may renew the license within one hundred	119
eighty days after the date of expiration without re-examination	120
for unless the renewal of licenses for private applicators	121
director determines that a new examination is required necessary	122
to insure that <del>private applicators continue</del> the holder continues	123
to meet the requirements of changing technology and to assure a	124
continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides	125
safely and properly.	126
(F) Instead of requiring a commercial applicator or	127
private applicator to complete re-examination successfully under	128
division (D) or (E) of this section, the director may require,	129
in accordance with criteria established by rule, the commercial	130
applicator or private applicator to participate in training	131

programs that are designed to foster knowledge of new technology

and to ensure a continuing level of competence and ability to

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use pesticides safely and properly. The director or the

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director's representative may provide the training or may

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authorize a third party to do so. In order for such

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authorization to occur, the third party and its training program

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shall comply with standards and requirements established by

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rule.

Sec. 940.02. There is hereby established in the department 140 of agriculture the Ohio soil and water conservation commission. 141 The commission shall consist of seven members of equal status 142 and authority, six of whom shall be appointed by the governor 143 with the advice and consent of the senate, and one of whom shall 144 be designated by resolution of the board of directors of the 145 Ohio federation of soil and water conservation districts. The 146 directors of agriculture, environmental protection, and natural 147 resources, the vice-president for agricultural administration of 148 the Ohio state university, and an officer of the Ohio federation 149 of soil and water conservation districts, or their designees, 150 may serve as ex officio members of the commission, but without 151 the power to vote. A vacancy in the office of an appointed 152 member shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and 153 consent of the senate. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy 154 occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the 155 member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the 156 remainder of that term. Of the appointed members, four shall be 157 persons who have a knowledge of or interest in agricultural 158 production and the natural resources of the state. One member 159 shall represent rural interests and one member shall represent 160 urban interests. Not more than three of the appointed members 161 shall be members of the same political party. 162

Terms of office of the member designated by the board of

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directors of the federation and the members appointed by the	164
governor shall be for four years, commencing on the first day of	165
July and ending on the thirtieth day of June.	166

Each appointed member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The commission shall organize by selecting from its 173 members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The commission 174 shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter of each 175 calendar year and shall keep a record of its proceedings, which 176 shall be open to the public for inspection. Special meetings may 177 be called by the chairperson and shall be called by the 178 chairperson upon receipt of a written request signed by two or 179 more members of the commission. Written notice of the time and 180 place of each meeting shall be sent to each member of the 181 commission. A majority of the commission shall constitute a 182 183 quorum.

The commission may adopt rules as necessary to carry out
the purposes of this chapter, subject to Chapter 119. of the
Revised Code.
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The governor may remove any appointed member of the

commission at any time for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or

malfeasance in office, after giving to the member a copy of the

charges against the member and an opportunity to be heard

publicly in person or by counsel in the member's defense. Any

such act of removal by the governor is final. A statement of the

findings of the governor, the reason for the governor's action,

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and the answer, if any, of the member shall be filed by the	194
governor with the secretary of state and shall be open to public	195
inspection.	196
All members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the	197
necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their	198
duties as members.	199
Upon recommendation by the commission, the divertor of	200
Upon recommendation by the commission, the director of	200
agriculture shall designate an executive secretary and provide	201
staff necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the	202
commission.	203
The commission shall do all of the following:	204
(A) Determine distribution of funds under section 940.15	205
of the Revised Code, recommend to the director and other	206
agencies the levels of appropriations to special funds	207
established to assist soil and water conservation districts, and	208
recommend the amount of federal funds to be requested and	209
policies for the use of such funds in support of soil and water	210
conservation district programs;	211
(B) Assist in keeping the supervisors of soil and water	212
conservation districts informed of their powers and duties,	213
program opportunities, and the activities and experience of all	214
other districts, and facilitate the interchange of advice,	215
experience, and cooperation between the districts;	216
(C) Seek the cooperation and assistance of the federal	217
government or any of its agencies, and of agencies of this	218
state, in the work of the districts;	219
(D) Adopt appropriate rules governing the conduct of	220
elections provided for in this chapter, subject to Chapter 119.	221

of the Revised Code, provided that only owners and occupiers of

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lands situated within the boundaries of the districts or	223
proposed districts to which the elections apply shall be	224
eligible to vote in the elections;	225
(E) Recommend to the director priorities for planning and	226
construction of small watershed projects, and make	227
recommendations to the director concerning coordination of	228
programs as proposed and implemented in agreements with soil and	229
water conservation districts;	230
(F) Recommend to the director, the governor, and the	231
general assembly programs and legislation with respect to the	232
operations of soil and water conservation districts that will	233
encourage proper soil, water, and other natural resource	234
management and promote the economic and social development of	235
the state;	236
(G) Recommend to the director of agriculture a procedure	237
for coordination of a program of agricultural pollution	238
abatement. Implementation of such a program shall be based on	239
air and water quality standards adopted pursuant to sections	240
3704.03 and section 6111.041 of the Revised Code, respectively.	241
The director of agriculture, through the division of soil and	242
water conservation, shall coordinate the efforts of state and	243
local governmental agencies to meet the minimum state air and	244
water quality standards relating to agricultural pollutants. The	245
director of environmental protection shall utilize may	246
<pre>coordinate with the division of soil and water conservation in</pre>	247
the department of agriculture and soil and water conservation	248
districts in encouraging landowner for the abatement of	249
agricultural pollution.	250
Sec. 941.01. As used in this chapter:	251

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(A) "Dangerously contagious or infectious disease" means	252
any disease, including any foreign animal disease, or vector,	253
that the director of agriculture, in his the director's sound	254
discretion, determines to be of harmful effect on the animal or	255
poultry industry or the public health and to be capable of	256
transmission by any means from a carrier animal to a human or to	257
another animal.	258
(B) "Disease of concern" means any disease, including any	259
foreign animal disease, or vector, that the director determines	260
may have an adverse impact on the animal or poultry industry or	261
to the public health in this state, but that is not a disease	262
that is reportable to the United States department of	263
agriculture.	264
(C) "Geographic area" means any county or counties within	265
this state or parts thereof as may be designated by the	266
director.	267
(C) (D) "Animal" means any animal that is a bird, reptile,	268
amphibian, fish, or mammal, other than humans.	269
(D) (E) "Domestic animal" includes livestock; other	270
animals that through long association with humans have been bred	271
to a degree resulting in genetic changes affecting the	272
temperament, color, conformation, or other attributes of the	273
species to an extent that makes them different from nondomestic	274
animals of their kind; and other animals as defined by rule by	275
the director.	276
(E) (F) "Foreign animal disease" means a contagious or	277
infectious disease that is not present in United States domestic	278
or nondomestic species populations and is listed by the United	279
States department of agriculture as a "foreign animal disease."	280

$\frac{(F)-(G)}{(G)}$ "Nondomestic animal" means any animal that is not	281
domestic, including at least nonindigenous animals and animals	282
usually not in captivity.	283
(G) (H) "Poultry" means any domesticated fowl kept in	284
confinement, except for doves and pigeons, that are bred for the	285
primary purpose of producing eggs or meat for human consumption.	286
"Poultry" includes chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and game birds.	287
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(H)—(I) "Vector" means a disease carrier, usually from,	288
but not limited to, the arthropod class, which that transfers an	289
infectious agent that may transmit a dangerously contagious or	290
infectious disease from one host to another.	291
(I) (J) "Residue" means any poisonous or deleterious	292
pesticide governed by 40 C.F.R. 180, any poisonous or	293
deleterious substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 109.6, or any other	294
substance governed by 21 C.F.R. 556.	295
(J) (K) "Seal" means any band or object made of metal,	296
plastic, or other material placed on a vehicle or other means of	297
conveyance so that when the vehicle or conveyance is opened, the	298
band or object is affected, altered, or broken.	299
Sec. 941.03. (A) The director of agriculture, under	300
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt and enforce rules to	301
carry out this chapter, including designating a disease or	302
vector as a dangerously contagious or infectious disease or as a	303
disease of concern.	304
(B) No person shall fail to comply with the rules adopted	305
by the director under division (A) of this section.	306
Sec. 941.04. (A) Whenever the director of agriculture or	307
<pre>his_the director's authorized representative reasonably suspects</pre>	308
that any premises or means of conveyance contains an animal that	309

is infected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious	310
or infectious disease <u>or a disease of concern</u> or is adulterated	311
with a residue, <u>he</u> the director or the director's authorized	312
representative shall have free access to those premises or that	313
means of conveyance at any reasonable time.	314

315 (B) Whenever the director of agriculture or his the director's authorized representative reasonably suspects that 316 any vehicle or means of conveyance traveling into or through the 317 state contains an animal, he the director or the director's 318 <u>authorized representative</u> shall have free access to the vehicle 319 or means of conveyance, including the right to stop such the 320 vehicle or conveyance transporting animals into or through the 321 state. The director or his the director's authorized 322 representative may examine any certificate of veterinary 323 inspection, animal health certificate, waybill, yarding-reciept 324 receipt, sale ticket, or other document required by this chapter 325 or rules adopted under it. The director or his the director's 326 authorized representative also may inspect the vehicle or 327 conveyance for the purposes of verifying the presence or 328 existence of any animal for which a document is required by this 329 chapter or rules adopted under it and verifying lawful 330 possession or ownership of the animal. This division does not 331 332 apply to animals transported intrastate.

Within the parameters of the United States and Ohio 333 constitutions, any person who operates a vehicle or means of 334 conveyance upon a roadway in this state is deemed to have 335 consented to the inspection of the vehicle or conveyance and the 336 documents as described in this section. 337

(C) In the event the owner of the animal or the operator 338 of the vehicle or conveyance fails to present any document 339

required by this chapter and rules adopted under it, or if the	340
documents indicate or the director or his the director's	341
authorized representative reasonably suspects that an animal is	342
infected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or	343
infectious disease or a disease of concern or is adulterated	344
with a residue, the director or his the director's authorized	345
representative shall seal the vehicle or conveyance. A seal	346
shall not be broken or removed from a vehicle or conveyance	347
within this state or any other state except by the director or	348
his the director's authorized representative or by a person	349
holding a similar position in another state, territory, or	350
country.	351

Once the vehicle or conveyance is sealed, its operator shall choose a course of action to be taken under division (D) of section 941.10 of the Revised Code. If the operator fails to choose and the owner of the animal can be contacted, the owner shall make the choice. If the owner cannot be contacted, the director or his the director's authorized representative shall make the choice. Any time that the director or his the director's authorized representative determines that a course of action under division (D) of section 941.10 of the Revised Code is inappropriate, he the director or the director's authorized representative may refuse to allow that course of action to be taken or may limit it. The director or his the director's authorized representative shall issue a permit designating and requiring compliance with the course of action chosen under this division.

If the director or his the director's authorized

representative reasonably suspects that an animal is stolen or

that the operator of the vehicle or conveyance is not in lawful

possession of the animal, or while waiting for a search warrant

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to be issued under section 941.042 of the Revised Code, he the	371
director or the director's authorized representative may detain	372
or impound the vehicle or conveyance or detain the animal. If	373
the director or his the director's authorized representative	374
determines, during any detention or impoundment, that disposal	375
of the animal is necessary, he the director or the director's	376
authorized representative may provide for its disposal in	377
accordance with section 941.043 of the Revised Code.	378
(D) The director or his the director's authorized	379
representative, in performing-his_official duties under this	380
section, may call on such law enforcement personnel and	381
government officials as are necessary to assist him provide	382
assistance. The director or his the director's authorized	383
representative may detain or follow any vehicle or conveyance	384
until those persons arrive.	385
(E) At the direction of the director and in his the	386
director's discretion, an employee of the animal and plant	387
health inspection service-veterinary services in the United	388
States department of agriculture may be an authorized	389
representative of the director for purposes of this chapter.	390
Sec. 941.06. (A) If any person has reason to suspect the	391
existence of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, a	392
<u>disease of concern,</u> or a residue, <u>he</u> the person immediately	393
shall give notice of that fact to the director of agriculture or	394
to a licensed veterinarian.	395
(B) If a veterinarian receives notice of the existence or	396
suspected existence of a dangerously contagious or infectious	397
disease, a disease of concern, or a residue as provided in	398

division (A) of this section, -he the veterinarian immediately

shall communicate that notice to the director.

(C) No person shall sell, attempt to sell, keep with	401
intent to sell, or otherwise transfer to another person an	402
animal that he the person knows, or has reason to know, is	403
infected with or exposed to any dangerously contagious or	404
infectious disease or a disease of concern or is adulterated	405
with a residue, except as otherwise provided in this chapter or	406
rules adopted under it.	407
(D) The offense established under division (C) of this	408
section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the	409
Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this offense as	410
a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that	411
any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of	412
culpability, is not a strict liability offense.	413
Sec. 941.07. (A) When the director of agriculture is	414
notified by any person of the possibility of the existence of a	415
dangerously contagious or infectious disease, a disease of	416
<pre>concern, or a residue, the director immediately shall order an</pre>	417
investigation to be made, in In order to conduct an	418
investigation, the director or his the director's designee may	419
quarantine the animal and, if he the director or the director's	420
designee considers it necessary, the geographic area in which	421
the animal was located immediately, so that <u>he</u> the director or	422
the director's designee is able to inspect, examine, and test	423
the animal and other animals within the geographic area.	424
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, if, as	425
the result of the investigation, an animal is found to be	426
infected with or exposed to a dangerously contagious or	427
infectious disease <u>or a disease of concern</u> or adulterated with a	428
residue, the director or his the director's authorized	429
representative may issue quarantine orders, without a prior	430

hearing, pursuant to this section in order to prevent	431
dangerously contagious or infectious diseases, diseases of	432
<pre>concern, or residues from affecting other animals in the state</pre>	433
or the public health. No person shall fail to comply with the	434
terms and conditions of the quarantine order.	435
(C) No animal or its means of conveyance shall be brought	436
to or removed from the premises or geographic area disclosed in	437
a quarantine order without written permission from the director	438
or his the director's authorized representative.	439
(D) The director, if possible, shall notify any person	440
owning or having custody of a quarantined animal either in	441
person or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Evidence	442
of the notification of a quarantine order shall be proved by	443
affidavit or by the certified mail return receipt. The director	444
also may post the quarantine order at two conspicuous places on	445
the quarantined premises.	446
(E) A quarantine order shall contain all of the following	447
information:	448
(1) The name and address of the person owning and having	449
custody of the quarantined animal, if known;	450
(2) A description of the quarantined animal;	451
(3) A description of the premises and means of conveyance	452
affected by the quarantine;	453
(4) The reason for the quarantine;	454
(5) The terms and conditions applicable to the quarantine;	455
(6) A notice to the effect that persons adversely affected	456
by the quarantine order may request a hearing to review the	457
order.	458

(F) A person adversely affected by a quarantine order,	459
within thirty days after the order is issued, may request in	460
writing a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	461
Code. A request for a hearing does not stay a quarantine order.	462
(G) A quarantine order shall remain in effect until a	463
written notice of release is issued by the department of	464
agriculture, or until ordered to be removed after a hearing	465
under division (F) of this section.	466
(H) All necessary and proper expenses incurred by the	467
director in the quarantine of an animal shall be paid by the	468
state. However, such expenses shall not include the maintenance,	469
feeding, and quartering of the animal while in quarantine.	470
(I) A copy of the results of any tests or method of	471
detection for a dangerously contagious or infectious disease <u>or</u>	472
a disease of concern, conducted by a person authorized by the	473
department of agriculture, shall be admitted in any court as	474
prima-facie proof of <u>such-those</u> results when <u>such-the</u> results	475
are certified by the department or authorized person.	476
Sec. 941.09. (A) The director of agriculture may adopt and	477
enforce rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised	478
Code governing the identification of an animal tested for,	479
vaccinated against, or infected with a dangerously contagious or	480
infectious disease or a disease of concern or adulterated with a	481
residue and the importation, use, dispensation, and reporting of	482
the use of vaccines for mitigating dangerously contagious or	483
infectious diseases or diseases of concern or other treatments	484
for residues.	485
(B) No person shall remove, alter, or replace an	486

identification that is required by federal or state law and is

placed upon an animal by a person authorized by the director.	488
Sec. 941.10. (A) The director of agriculture may adopt and	489
enforce rules to govern the importation and movement of animals.	490
(B) Whenever the governor upon receipt of information from	491
the director believes that any condition or disease, including a	492
dangerously contagious or infectious disease or a disease of	493
<pre>concern present in any other state, territory, or country, may</pre>	494
endanger the health of livestock, animals, or persons of this	495
state, he the governor may prohibit or regulate by proclamation,	496
the importation from <u>such</u> that other state, territory, or	497
country, of animals of a kind that could carry that disease or	498
condition into this state.	499
(C) No person shall import, move, sell, or dispose of any	500
animal contrary to a proclamation issued by the governor under	501
division (B) of this section, without first obtaining written	502
permission from the director.	503
(D) When an animal is moved into the state in violation of	504
any applicable federal or state law, the director or his the	505
$\underline{\text{director's}}$ authorized representative, without prior hearing, may	506
take whichever of the following courses of action regarding the	507
animal as—he the director or the director's authorized	508
<pre>representative determines is most appropriate:</pre>	509
(1) Quarantine the animal until it is brought into	510
compliance;	511
(2) Order the animal returned to the point of origin;	512
(3) Order the animal moved to slaughter.	513
Sec. 941.11. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this	514
chapter, the director of agriculture, without prior hearing, may	515

custody of the animal, if known;

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order the destruction of any domestic or nondomestic animal	516
found to be adulterated with residues, infected with or exposed	517
to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, infected with	518
or exposed to a disease of concern, or determined to endanger	519
the health or well-being of animal populations or public health	520
in the state. If the director determines that seizure and	521
destruction of a nondomestic animal is necessary, he the	522
director shall coordinate the seizure and destruction of that	523
animal with the department of natural resources.	524
(B) $\underline{(1)}$ No person shall fail to comply with the director's	525
order to destroy an animal found to be infected with or exposed	526
to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease or a disease	527
of concern or adulterated with residues.	528
(2) The offense established under division (B)(1) of this	529
section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the	530
Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this offense as	531
a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that	532
any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of	533
culpability, is not a strict liability offense.	534
(C) The director, if possible, shall notify any person	535
owning or having custody of an animal ordered destroyed, either	536
in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, prior	537
to destruction. Evidence of the notification of a destruction	538
order shall be proved by an affidavit or by the certified mail	539
return receipt.	540
(D) A destruction order shall contain all of the following	541
information:	542
(1) The name and address of the person owning and having	543

(2) A description of the animal affected by the order;	545
(3) The reason for the order;	546
(4) A reasonable deadline for compliance with the order;	547
(5) A notice to the effect that any person adversely	548
affected by the destruction order may request a hearing to	549
review the order.	550
(E) A person adversely affected by an order may request in	551
writing, within thirty days after receiving the order, a hearing	552
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	553
Sec. 941.14. (A) The owner shall burn the body of an	554
animal that has died of, or been destroyed because of, a	555
dangerously infectious or contagious disease, bury it not less	556
than four feet under the surface of the ground, dissolve it by	557
alkaline hydrolysis, remove it in a watertight tank to a	558
rendering establishment, or otherwise dispose of it in	559
accordance with section 953.26 or 1511.022 of the Revised Code	560
within twenty-four hours after knowledge thereof or after notice	561
in writing from the department of agriculture.	562
(B) The owner of premises that contain a dead animal shall	563
burn the body of the animal, bury it not less than four feet	564
beneath the surface of the ground, dissolve it by alkaline	565
hydrolysis, remove it in a watertight tank to a rendering	566
establishment, or otherwise dispose of it in accordance with	567
section 953.26 or 1511.022 of the Revised Code within a	568
reasonable time after knowledge thereof or after notice in	569
writing from the department or from the township trustees of the	570
township in which the owner's premises are located.	571
(C) The director of agriculture may adopt rules in	572
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing	573

requirements and procedures governing the disposal of the body	574
of an animal that has died of, or been destroyed because of, a	575
disease of concern.	576
(D) Notwithstanding division (A) or (B) of this section or	577
rules adopted under division (C) of this section, the director	578
of agriculture, in written notice sent to the owner of a dead	579
animal, may require the owner to employ a specific method of	580
disposition of the body, including burning, burying, rendering,	581
composting, or alkaline hydrolysis, when that method does not	582
conflict with any law or rule governing the disposal of	583
infectious wastes and, in the director's judgment, is necessary	584
for purposes of animal disease control. No person shall fail to	585
employ the method of disposition required under this division.	586
$\frac{(D)-(E)}{(E)}$ The director, in written notice sent to the owner	587
of a dead animal, may prohibit the owner from transporting the	588
body of the dead animal on any street or highway if that	589
prohibition does not conflict with any law or rule governing the	590
transportation of infectious wastes and, in the director's	591
judgment, is necessary for purposes of animal disease control.	592
No person shall fail to comply with a prohibition issued under	593
this division.	594
(E) (F) As used in this section, "infectious wastes" has	595
the same meaning as in section 3734.01 of the Revised Code, and	596
"street" or "highway" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01	597
of the Revised Code.	598
Sec. 943.02. (A) No person shall act as a small dealer,	599
dealer, or broker without first being licensed. No person shall	600
be an employee of more than one small dealer, dealer, or broker.	601
Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person	602
holding a license as a small dealer, dealer, or broker shall be	603

an employee. No employee shall act for any small dealer, dealer,	604
or broker unless the small dealer, dealer, or broker is	605
licensed, and has designated the employee to act in the small	606
dealer's, dealer's, or broker's behalf and has notified the	607
department of agriculture in the application for license or has	608
given official notice in writing of the appointment of the	609
employee. The small dealer, dealer, or broker shall be	610
accountable and responsible for all contracts pertaining to the	611
purchase, exchange, or sale of livestock made by the employee.	612
The small dealer, dealer, or broker who terminates the services	613
of an employee shall notify the department in writing of the	614
employee's termination. No person who is a licensed small	615
dealer, dealer, or broker shall have livestock exempted pursuant	616
to divisions (B)(1) to (6) of section 943.01 of the Revised	617
Code.	618
(B)(1) No person who has been convicted of or pleaded	619
guilty to a violation of this chapter or rules adopted under it	620
shall act as an owner, supervisor, employee, contractor,	621
volunteer, or agent of a person licensed under this chapter	622
unless specifically authorized to do so by the director of	623
agriculture.	624
(2) The offense established under division (B)(1) of this	625
section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the	626
Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this offense as	627
a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that	628
any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of	629
culpability, is not a strict liability offense.	630
(B) (C) A small dealer, dealer, or broker may be an	631
employee of other small dealers, dealers, or brokers only when	632
the small dealer, dealer, or broker so employed is a soliciting	633

agent for a video auction.	634
(C) The director of agriculture shall define by rule	635
"soliciting agent" and "video auction" for the purposes of this	636
section.	637
Sec. 943.14. (A) The department of agriculture or any of	638
its authorized agents may inspect the records of any licensee or	639
employee at any time to determine the origin and destination of	640
any livestock handled by the licensee and to determine if	641
sections 943.01 to 943.18 of the Revised Code, or the rules	642
adopted thereunder, have been violated.	643
(B) A small dealer, dealer, or broker, employee, or person	644
described in division (B)(4) of section 943.01 of the Revised	645
Code, who acquires or disposes of an animal by any means, shall	646
make a record of the name and address of the person from whom	647
the animal was acquired and to whom disposed. The record also	648
shall show the individual identification of each animal at the	649
time of acquisition or disposal. These records shall be	650
maintained for a period of sixty months or longer from the date	651
of acquisition or disposal.	652
(C) The individual identification in division (B) of this	653
section shall be in a manner or form approved by the department.	654
(D) A person who is a soliciting agent for a video auction	655
pursuant to division $\frac{(B)-(C)}{(C)}$ of section 943.02 of the Revised	656
Code shall maintain records in a manner or form approved by the	657
department.	658
Sec. 1327.46. As used in sections 1327.46 to 1327.61 of	659
the Revised Code:	660
(A) "Weights and measures" means all weights and measures	661
of every kind, instruments and devices for weighing and	662

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measuring, and any appliances and accessories associated with	663
any such instruments and devices, except that "weights and	664
measures" shall not be construed to include meters for the	665
measurement of electricity, gas, whether natural or	666
manufactured, or water when the same are operated in a public	667
utility system. Such electricity, gas, and water meters, and	668
appliances or accessories associated therewith, are specifically	669
excluded from the purview of the weights and measures laws.	670
(B) "Intrastate commerce" means all commerce or trade that	671
is begun, carried on, and completed wholly within the limits of	672
this state, and "introduced into intrastate commerce" defines	673
the time and place in which the first sale and delivery of a	674
commodity is made within the state, the delivery being made	675
either directly to the purchaser or to a common carrier for	676
shipment to the purchaser.	677
(C) "Package" means any commodity put up or packaged in	678
any manner in advance of sale in units suitable for either	679
wholesale or retail sale.	680
(D) "Consumer package" means a package that is customarily	681
produced or distributed for sale through a retail sales agency	682
for consumption by an individual or use by an individual.	683
(E) "Weight" as used in connection with any commodity	684
means net weight.	685
(F) "Correct" as used in connection with weights and	686
measures means conformity with all applicable requirements of	687
sections 1327.46 to 1327.61 of the Revised Code and rules	688
adopted pursuant to those sections.	689

(G) "Primary Reference standards" means the physical

standards of the state that serve as the legal reference from

which all other standards and weights and measures are derived.	692
(H) "Secondary Working standards" means the physical	693
standards that are traceable to the <pre>primary_reference_standards</pre>	694
through comparisons, using acceptable laboratory procedures, and	695
used in the enforcement of weights and measures laws and rules.	696
(I) "Sale from bulk" means the sale of commodities when	697
the quantity is determined at the time of sale.	698
(J) "Net weight" means the weight of a commodity,	699
excluding any materials, substances, or items not considered to	700
be a part of the commodity. Materials, substances, or items not	701
considered to be part of the commodity include, but are not	702
limited to, containers, conveyances, bags, wrappers, packaging	703
materials, labels, individual piece coverings, decorative	704
accompaniments, and coupons.	705
(K) "Random weight package" means a package that is one of	706
a lot, shipment, or delivery of packages of the same commodity	707
with no fixed pattern of weights.	708
(L) "Sold" includes keeping, offering, or exposing for	709
sale.	710
(M) "Commercially used weighing and measuring device"	711
means a device described in the national institute of standards	712
and technology handbook 44 or its supplements and revisions and	713
any other weighing and measuring device designated by rules	714
adopted under division (C) of section 1327.50 of the Revised	715
Code. "Commercially used weighing and measuring device"	716
includes, but is not limited to, a livestock scale, vehicle	717
scale, railway scale, vehicle tank meter, bulk rack meter, and	718
LPG meter.	719
(N) "Livestock scale" means a scale equipped with stock	720

racks and gates that is adapted to weighing livestock standing	721
on the scale platform.	722
(O) "Vehicle scale" means a scale that is adapted to	723
weighing highway, farm, or other large industrial vehicles other	724
than railroad cars.	725
(P) "Railway scale" means a rail scale that is designed to	726
weigh railroad cars.	727
(Q) "Vehicle tank meter" means a vehicle mounted device	728
that is designed for the measurement and delivery of liquid	729
products from a tank.	730
(R) "Bulk rack meter" means a wholesale device, usually	731
mounted on a rack, that is designed for the measurement and	732
delivery of liquid products.	733
(S) "LPG meter" means a system, including a mechanism or	734
machine of the meter type, that is designed to measure and	735
deliver liquefied petroleum gas in the liquid state by a	736
definite quantity whether installed in a permanent location or	737
mounted on a vehicle.	738
(T) "Service person" means an individual who installs,	739
services, repairs, reconditions, or places into service a	740
commercially used weighing and measuring device for any type of	741
<pre>compensation.</pre>	742
Sec. 1327.48. Weights and measures that are traceable to	743
the United States prototype standards supplied by the federal	744
government, or approved as being satisfactory by the national	745
institute of standards and technology, shall be the state	746
<pre>primary_reference_standards of weights and measures, and shall</pre>	747
be maintained in such calibration as is prescribed by the	748
national institute of standards and technology. All secondary	749

of weight and measure used by any municipal corporation or

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county within the state, and approve the same when found to be

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(I) Inspect and test weights and measures that are sold;	778
(J) Inspect and test to ascertain if they are correct,	779
weights and measures commercially used either:	780
(1) In determining the weight, measure, or count of	781
commodities or things sold on the basis of weight, measure, or	782
count;	783
(2) In computing the basic charge or payment for goods or	784
services rendered on the basis of weight, measure, or count.	785
(K) Test all weights and measures used in checking the	786
receipt or disbursement of supplies in every institution, for	787
the maintenance of which funds are appropriated by the general	788
assembly;	789
(L) Approve for use, and may mark, such weights and	790
measures as the director finds to be correct, and shall reject	791
and mark as rejected such weights and measures as the director	792
finds to be incorrect. Weights and measures that have been	793
rejected may be seized if not corrected within the time	794
specified or if used or disposed of in a manner not specifically	795
authorized, and may be condemned and seized if found to be	796
incorrect and not capable of being made correct.	797
(M) Weigh, measure, or inspect packaged commodities that	798
are sold or in the process of delivery to determine whether they	799
contain the amounts represented and whether they are sold in	800
accordance with sections 1327.46 to 1327.61 of the Revised Code	801
or rules adopted under those sections. In carrying out this	802
section, the director shall employ recognized sampling	803
procedures, such as those designated in the national institute	804
of standards and technology handbook 133 "checking the net	805
contents of packaged goods."	806

(N) Prescribe by rule the appropriate term or unit of	807
weight or measure to be used, whenever the director determines	808
in the case of a specific commodity that an existing practice of	809
declaring the quantity by weight, measure, numerical count, or	810
combination thereof, does not facilitate value comparisons by	811
consumers, or offers an opportunity for consumer confusion;	812
(O) Allow reasonable variations from the stated quantity	813
of contents, which shall include those caused by unavoidable	814
deviations in good manufacturing practice and by loss or gain of	815
moisture during the course of good distribution practice, only	816
after the commodity has entered intrastate commerce;	817
(P) Provide for the weights and measures training of	818
inspector personnel and establish minimum training requirements,	819
which shall be met by all inspector personnel, whether county,	820
municipal, or state;	821
(Q) Prescribe the methods of tests and inspections to be	822
employed in the enforcement of sections 1327.46 to 1327.61 of	823
the Revised Code. The director may prescribe the official test	824
and inspection forms to be used.	825
(R) Provide by rule for <del>voluntary</del> registration with the	826
director of private service persons who are employed by	827
<pre>commercially used weighing and measuring device servicing</pre>	828
agencies, and personnel;	829
(S) In conjunction with the national institute of	830
standards and technology, operate a type evaluation program for	831
certification of weighing and measuring devices as part of the	832
national type evaluation program. The director shall establish a	833
schedule of fees for services rendered by the department of	834
agriculture for type evaluation services. The director may	835

require any weighing or measuring instrument or device to be	836
traceable to a national type evaluation program certificate of	837
conformance prior to use for commercial or law enforcement	838
purposes.	839
(T) Verify advertised prices, price representations, and	840
point-of-sale systems, as necessary, to determine both the	841
accuracy of prices and computations and the correct use of the	842
equipment and the accuracy of prices printed or recalled from a	843
database if a system utilizes scanning or coding in lieu of	844
manual entry. In order to implement this division, the director	845
shall do all of the following:	846
(1) Employ recognized procedures such as those designated	847
in the national institute of standards and technology handbook	848
130, uniform laws and regulations, "examination procedures for	849
<pre>price verification";</pre>	850
(2) Adopt rules establishing requirements governing the	851
accuracy of advertised prices and point-of-sale systems and	852
establishing requirements and procedures for the enforcement of	853
this division;	854
(3) Conduct necessary inspections.	855
Sec. 1327.501. (A) No person shall operate in this state a	856
commercially used weighing and measuring device that provides	857
the <u>final</u> quantity <u>and final</u> or cost of a <u>final</u> transaction and	858
for which a fee is established in division (G) of this section	859
unless the operator of the device obtains a permit issued by the	860
director of agriculture or the director's designee.	861
(B) An application for a permit shall be submitted to the	862
director on a form that the director prescribes and provides.	863
The applicant shall include with the application any information	864

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that is specified on the application form as well as the	865
application fee established in this section.	866
(C) Upon receipt of a completed application and the	867
required fee from an applicant, the director or the director's	868
designee shall issue or deny the permit to operate the	869
commercially used weighing and measuring device that was the	870
subject of the application.	871
(D) A permit issued under this section expires on the	872
thirtieth day of June of the year following its issuance and may	873
be renewed annually on or before the first day of July of that	874
year upon payment of a permit renewal fee established in this	875
section.	876
(E) If a permit renewal fee is more than sixty days past	877
due, the director may assess a late penalty in an amount	878
established under this section.	879
(F) The director shall do both of the following:	880
(1) Establish procedures and requirements governing the	881
issuance or denial of permits under this section;	882
(2) Establish late penalties to be assessed for the late	883
payment of a permit renewal fee and fees for the replacement of	884
lost or destroyed permits.	885
(G) An applicant for a permit to operate under this	886
section shall pay an application fee in the following applicable	887
amount:	888
(1) Seventy-five dollars for a livestock scale;	889
(2) Seventy-five dollars for a vehicle scale;	890
(3) Seventy-five dollars for a railway scale:	891

or sell, offer, hold, or expose for sale any service or product

wrapped, packaged, labeled, or offered for sale contrary to this

quantity or price or service contrary to this chapter, or any

(C) Remove any tag, seal, or mark from any weight or

measure without specific written authorization from the proper

chapter or any rules adopted under it, or misrepresent the

rules adopted under it;

authority;

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(D) Recklessly install for use, repair, service, or place	920
into service a commercially used weighing and measuring device	921
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unless the installation, repair, service, or placement is	
performed by one of the following:	923
(1) A department of agriculture division of weights and	924
measures inspector;	925
(2) A service person registered with the department;	926
(3) A county or municipal weights and measures inspector.	927
(E) Hinder or obstruct any weights and measures official	928
in the performance of <u>his</u> official duties;	929
(E) (F) Sell or offer for use in commerce any incorrect	930
weight or measure.	931
Sec. 1327.99. Whoever violates section 1327.501 or 1327.54	932
or division (A), (B), (C), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (D), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{of}}$ of section 1327.61 of	933
the Revised Code or a rule adopted under sections 1327.46 to	934
1327.61 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	935
second degree on a first offense; on each subsequent offense	936
within seven years after the first offense, such the person is	937
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.	938
Sec. 3335.361. OSU extension shall not charge volunteers	939
for 4-H programs for any background checks conducted regarding	940
the volunteers.	941
Sec. 4707.02. (A) No person shall act as an auction firm,	942
auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, or special auctioneer within	943
this state without a license issued by the department of	944
agriculture. No auction shall be conducted in this state except	945
by an auctioneer licensed by the department.	946
The department shall not issue or renew a license if the	947

applicant or licensee has been convicted of a felony or crime	948
involving fraud or theft in this or another state at any time	949
during the ten years immediately preceding application or	950
renewal.	951
(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of	952
the following:	953
(1) Sales at auction that either are required by law to be	954
at auction, other than sales pursuant to a judicial order or	955
decree, or are conducted by or under the direction of a public	956
authority;	957
(2) The owner of any real or personal property desiring to	958
sell the property at auction, provided that the property was not	959
acquired for the purpose of resale;	960
(3) An auction mediation company;	961
(4) An auction that is conducted in a course of study for	962
auctioneers that is approved by the state auctioneers commission	963
created under section 4707.03 of the Revised Code for purposes	964
of student training and is supervised by a licensed auctioneer;	965
(5)(a) An auction that is sponsored by a nonprofit or	966
charitable organization that is registered in this state under	967
Chapter 1702. or Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code,	968
respectively, if the auction only involves the property of the	969
members of the organization and the auction is part of a fair	970
that is organized by an agricultural society under Chapter 1711.	971
of the Revised Code or by the Ohio expositions commission under	972
Chapter 991. of the Revised Code at which an auctioneer who is	973
licensed under this chapter physically conducts the auction; or	974
(b) Sales at an auction sponsored by a charitable,	975
religious, or civic organization that is tax exempt under	976

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subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by a	977
public school, chartered nonpublic school, or community school,	978
if no person in the business of organizing, arranging, or	979
conducting an auction for compensation and no consignor of	980
consigned items sold at the auction, except such organization or	981
school, receives compensation from the proceeds of the auction.	982
As used in division (B)(5)(b) of this section, "compensation"	983
means money, a thing of value other than participation in a	984
charitable event, or a financial benefit.	985
(6) A person licensed as a livestock dealer under Chapter	986
943. of the Revised Code who exclusively sells livestock and	987
uses an auctioneer who is licensed under this chapter to conduct	988
the auction;	989
(7) A person licensed as a motor vehicle auction owner	990
under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code who exclusively sells	991
motor vehicles to a person licensed under Chapter 4517. of the	992
Revised Code and who uses an auctioneer who is licensed under	993
this chapter to conduct the auction;	994
(8) A person who sells <u>Sales of</u> real or personal property	995
<pre>conducted by means of the internet, provided that they are not</pre>	996
conducted in conjunction with a live auction;	997
(9) A bid calling contest that is approved by the	998
commission and that is conducted for the purposes of the	999
advancement or promotion of the auction profession in this	1000
state, provided that no compensation is paid to the sponsor of	1001
or participants in the contest other than a prize or award for	1002
winning the contest;	1003

(10) An auction at which the champion of a national or

international bid calling contest appears, provided that both of

the following apply:	1006
(a) The champion is not paid a commission.	1007
(b) The auction is conducted under the direct supervision	1008
of an auctioneer licensed under this chapter in order to ensure	1009
that the champion complies with this chapter and rules adopted	1010
under it.	1011
(C)(1) No person shall advertise or hold oneself out as an	1012
auction firm, auctioneer, apprentice auctioneer, or special	1013
auctioneer without a license issued by the department of	1014
agriculture.	1015
(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to an	1016
individual who is the subject of an advertisement regarding an	1017
auction conducted under division (B)(5)(b) of this section.	1018
Section 2. That existing sections 901.23, 921.12, 940.02,	1019
941.01, 941.03, 941.04, 941.06, 941.07, 941.09, 941.10, 941.11,	1020
941.14, 943.02, 943.14, 1327.46, 1327.48, 1327.50, 1327.501,	1021
1327.61, 1327.99, and 4707.02 and section 3335.361 of the	1022
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1023
Section 3. The member who is serving on the Farmland	1024
Preservation Advisory Board on the effective date of this	1025
section who was appointed under division (A)(3) of section	1026
901.23 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to its	1027
amendment by this act shall continue serving on the Board until	1028
the end of the term for which the member was appointed. The	1029
Director of Agriculture then shall appoint a member of the Board	1030
under division (A)(3) of that section as amended by this act.	1031