

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM  
HB 926 – SB 1306**

May 14, 2007

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (008147, 008577):** Decreases the age requirement from 18 to 16 for the licensing category for commercial lawn maintenance herbicide applicators. Excludes pest control operators who apply two gallons or less of pesticides which contain the active ingredient Glyphosate from the definition of "commercial pest control operator". Removes the requirement that such person obtains a charter or maintains a performance or insurance bond.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

State Revenues – Net Increase - \$1,300  
Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**State Revenues – Net Decrease - \$9,600 FY08-09/Agriculture  
Regulatory Fund**

**Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Decrease in state revenues based on the loss of fees for license renewals, charter renewals, and certification renewals, loss of examination fees for new licenses, new certifications and new charters.
- Seven percent of the individuals licensed, chartered and certified to do business in this category of Horticulture, Lawn and Turf (HLT) would be exempt from regulation. Fifteen percent of individuals in the HLT category testing for their license would be exempt.
- Fees are levied biennially with the exception of recertification which is renewed every third year. October, 2008 is be the next renewal date for certification.
- Lowering the age requirement is estimated to increase the number of license applications by 10 persons and will increase state revenues by \$650.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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