

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number	07-3002/2	Introduction Number	SB-297	Estimate Type	Original
Description Nursery dealers, nursery growers, Christmas tree growers, and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2007 AB-0554 is a bill relating to nursery dealers, nursery growers, Christmas tree growers, and granting-rule making authority. The bill is found to have no state fiscal effect.

Currently, nursery growers who also sell nursery stock from another source are not required to obtain a separate nursery dealer license and nursery growers who are also Christmas tree growers are not required to obtain a Christmas tree grower license. While nursery growers do not obtain separate licenses for these activities, they currently pay the nursery dealer and Christmas tree grower fees as part of their nursery grower license, if applicable.

This bill would require nursery growers who also sell nursery stock from another source to obtain both a nursery grower license and a nursery dealer license. This bill would also require nursery growers who also grow Christmas trees to obtain both a nursery grower and a Christmas tree grower license. While growers may now need two or three licenses instead of one, the bill is revenue neutral because it does not change the total amount of fees the nursery grower must pay.

The bill also changes the license fees for a nursery dealer who spends more than \$3,000,000 in a year for nursery stock. It clarifies that nursery growers, nursery dealers, and Christmas tree growers may operate from more than one location under a single license. Currently, businesses operating from more than one location are issued separate licenses for each location.

The revenues from licensees in the \$3,000,000 and up category will not increase; the fee multiplier was calculated to keep the revenue neutral for the agency. Agency workload increases resulting from the department issuing more nursery dealer and Christmas tree grower licenses will be offset by a decrease in the number of licenses the department will issue to companies that operate from more than one location.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None