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**2017 Assembly Bill 54**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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**2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 54**

Assembly Bill 54 requires a person to plant only certified seed potatoes if the person plants five or more acres of potatoes in this state in a year. The bill allows the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to waive this requirement for a particular growing season if there are not enough certified seed potatoes reasonably available to growers and DATCP determines that the seed potatoes that will be used for planting do not pose a serious disease threat.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that DATCP may waive the certified seed potato requirement for specific varieties and genomes of potatoes.

**BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Spiros on March 29, 2017. On May 30, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Agriculture recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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