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Third Reader

House Bill 516 (Delegate Love)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Agriculture - Use of Antimicrobial Drugs - Reporting Deadlines

This bill moves the date – from February 1 to July 1 – by which the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) must submit a report to the General Assembly each year on data collected on the use in the State of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each year MDA must collect publicly available data on the use in the State of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry from (1) the U.S. Department of Agriculture; (2) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; (3) the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and (4) appropriate national and State trade associations, organizations, and councils.

By February 1 each year, a licensed veterinarian must submit to MDA (1) a copy of the record prescribing the medically important antimicrobial drug or a copy of the veterinary feed directive for each medically important antimicrobial drug, as listed in Appendix A of FDA’s [Guidance for Industry #152](#), administered in feed or water to cattle, swine, or

poultry during the previous calendar year and (2) an accounting, as provided by the owner, of the total number of animals raised during the previous calendar year, categorized by species and production class.

By February 1 each year, MDA must report to the General Assembly on the above data collected – from public sources and licensed veterinarians – on the use in the State of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry. The report must include, for the previous calendar year, the following data (disaggregated by county, unless there are two or fewer reporting farm operations in a particular county for a category of data):

- the total number of animals raised on specified farm operations, categorized by species and production class;
- the specific antimicrobial active ingredients and classes of antimicrobial active ingredients used;
- the total weight of antimicrobial active ingredients used;
- indications for which veterinarians prescribed medically important antimicrobial drugs; and
- patterns of use for medically important antimicrobial drugs, including duration and seasonal variation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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