

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 19, 2016

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1354**

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**Introduced by Senator Galgiani**

February 19, 2016

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An act to ~~amend Section 23300 of the Business and Professions~~ add Section 5913.5 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to ~~alcoholic beverages~~; agricultural pest control, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1354, as amended, Galgiani. ~~Alcoholic beverages: licensees.~~ Agricultural pest control: Asian citrus psyllid: Huanglongbing.

Under existing law, the Department of Food and Agriculture has various duties relating to the prevention and control of damage caused by citrus pests and diseases. The Legislature has expressed a finding and declaration that the citrus killing diseases, Huanglongbing, citrus leprosis, citrus variegated chlorosis, and citrus canker, and the associated vectors present a clear and present danger to California's citrus industry, as well as to other commodities and plant life.

This bill would require the department, upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose, to support specified research activities relating to the Asian citrus psyllid and Huanglongbing. The bill would also require the department, upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose, to work with county agricultural commissioners, pest control advisors, researchers, the Citrus Research Board, or any or all of them, to establish a process for voluntary tracking of best practices for managing Asian citrus psyllid-infested and Huanglongbing-infected groves, as specified.

*This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

~~The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act contains various provisions regulating the application for, the issuance of, the suspension of, and the conditions imposed upon, alcoholic beverage licenses by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Existing law restricts the exercise of privileges or performance of acts under a license to those persons authorized to do so by a license issued under the act.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~<sup>yes</sup>. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 5913.5 is added to the Food and
- 2     Agricultural Code, to read:
- 3     5913.5. (a) The department shall, upon the appropriation of
- 4     funds for that purpose, support research activities relating to the
- 5     Asian citrus psyllid and Huanglongbing. These activities shall
- 6     include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following:
- 7     (1) Finding a cure, suppression tactic, or both, for the bacterium
- 8     that causes Huanglongbing.
- 9     (2) Development of early detection techniques to identify
- 10    diseased trees, to determine if they are treatable, and if they are
- 11    not treatable, to eliminate them to protect neighboring trees from
- 12    the disease.
- 13    (3) Development of resistant rootstocks, scions, or psyllids.
- 14    (4) Improved psyllid trapping and control methods.
- 15    (5) Expanded biological control availability for the Asian citrus
- 16    psyllid in priority areas where there is a reasonable expectation
- 17    of success.
- 18    (6) New horticultural methods to maximize crop production in
- 19    the presence of Huanglongbing.
- 20    (7) Support for new and existing containment research facilities
- 21    for projects investigating Huanglongbing.
- 22    (b) The department shall also, upon the appropriation of funds
- 23    for that purpose, work with county agricultural commissioners,
- 24    pest control advisors, researchers, the Citrus Research Board, or
- 25    any or all of them, to establish a process for voluntary tracking of
- 26    best practices for managing Asian citrus psyllid-infested and

1 *Huanglongbing-infected groves. The information collected shall*  
2 *be used to establish recommended management protocols based*  
3 *on best available science and treatment outcomes.*

4 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*  
5 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*  
6 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*  
7 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

8 *Due to the rapid infestation of the Asian citrus psyllid and*  
9 *increasing Huanglongbing detections, this act is needed to provide*  
10 *immediate help to prevent this invasive pest and disease from*  
11 *destroying residential and commercial California citrus trees, and*  
12 *it is therefore necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

13 ~~SECTION 1. Section 23300 of the Business and Professions~~  
14 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

15 ~~23300. No person shall exercise the privilege or perform any~~  
16 ~~act which a licensee may exercise or perform under the authority~~  
17 ~~of a license unless the person is authorized to do so by a license~~  
18 ~~issued under this division.~~