Horticultural Levy Bill 1987

Date Introduced: 18 September 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

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Purpose

To provide for the imposition of a levy on the production of certain horticultural products to fund the operations of the Australian Horticultural Corporation and the Horticultural Research and Development Council.

Background

Refer to the Digest of the Australian Horticultural Corporation Bill 1987.

Main Provisions

Clause 6 will impose a levy on leviable horticultural products produced in Australia that are, after the commencement of this Bill, sold by the producer or used by the producer in the production of other goods.

Clause 7 will provide for the rate of levy to be the sum of the rates prescribed under clauses 8, 9 and 10, up to a maximum of 2% of the annual average unit gross value of the products. Clauses 8, 9 and 10 provide for the fixing, by regulation, of the rates of levy destined for the Australian Horticultural Corporation, the Horticultural Research and Development Corporation and for other purposes.

The levy will be payable by the producer (clause 12), but will not be payable on products which are exported or exempted by regulation (clause 13).

The Governor-General may make regulations consistent with this Bill, which may describe classes of products by reference to the use for which they are sold or to which they are put by the producer, or to their state, form or condition. Before making regulations for the purposes of clauses 8, 9 and 13, the Governor-General is to take into consideration relevant recommendations made to the Minister by the Australian Horticultural Corporation or the Horticultural Research and Development Corporation or both as required (clause 14).
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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