



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 643

HOUSE BILL NO. 1946

By Representatives Lollar, Ragan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1934

By Senators Yager, Bowling, Gresham, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 10, relative to the regulation of seed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114(a), is amended by inserting the following language immediately preceding the first sentence in the subsection:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Tennessee Drug Control Act of 1989, compiled at title 39, chapter 17, part 4, or any other state statute that authorizes or requires a person other than the commissioner to exercise jurisdiction and authority over matters related to the regulation of seed, the commissioner has exclusive jurisdiction and authority over all matters related to the regulation of seed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (5) and substituting the following:

(5) Prescribe such other rules as may be necessary to secure the efficient enforcement of this part and to maintain a comprehensive scheme for regulating seed that shall be uniform and applicable throughout the state.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-10-114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Tennessee Drug Control Act of 1989, compiled at title 39, chapter 17, part 4, or any other state statute that authorizes or requires a person other than the commissioner to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, or movement of agricultural seeds, the commissioner shall have the sole authority to prohibit the planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, or movement of agricultural seeds.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 9, 2016

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR