

1 HB30
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3 By Representative Sessions
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit any local
9 regulation of seeds and would specify that the
10 regulation of seeds would be reserved to the Board
11 of Agriculture and Industries and the Commissioner
12 of Agriculture and Industries pursuant to general
13 law.
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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 Relating to agriculture and the regulation of seeds;
20 to add Section 2-26-3.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to
21 specify that the regulation of seeds would be reserved to the
22 Board of Agriculture and Industries and the Commissioner of
23 Agriculture and Industries pursuant to general law; and to
24 prohibit any local regulation of seeds.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 2-26-3.1 is added to the Code of
27 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

1 §2-26-3.1.

2 (a) This chapter and its provisions and requirements
3 are of statewide concern and occupy the whole field of
4 regulation regarding the cultivation, harvesting, production,
5 processing, registration, labeling, marketing, sale, storage,
6 transportation, distribution, possession, notification of use,
7 planting, or other use of seeds. The entire subject matter of
8 this chapter shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of
9 the Board of Agriculture and Industries and the Commissioner
10 of Agriculture and Industries.

11 (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in
12 this chapter, no law, ordinance, rule, regulation, or
13 resolution of any county, municipality, or other political
14 subdivision of this state may prohibit or in any way attempt
15 to regulate any matter relating to the cultivation,
16 harvesting, production, processing, registration, labeling,
17 marketing, sale, storage, transportation, distribution,
18 possession, notification of use, and planting of seeds. Any
19 law, ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution in conflict
20 with, in addition to, or supplemental to this chapter, is
21 declared to be invalid and of no effect.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.