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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1442, L.D. 2006, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Potato Licensing Laws to Include Rotation Crops"

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 9-A in the first line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "grain" the following: ', soybean'

Further amend the bill in section 9 in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 3, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "brokers" the following: 'engaged in buying or selling either potatoes or rotation crops, but not both, not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$400,000 in the case of dealers and brokers engaged in buying and selling both potatoes and rotation crops'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 14 (page 8, lines 30 to 50 and page 9, lines 1 to 25 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative

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costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can  
be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also  
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will  
incur some minor additional costs to administer certain changes  
in the potato licensing laws. These costs can be absorbed within  
the department's existing budgeted resources. The licensure of  
rotation crops will result in insignificant increases of  
dedicated revenue to the department from license fees.'

#### SUMMARY

The amendment adds soybeans to the definition of rotation  
crops, raises the maximum bonding level to \$400,000 for dealers  
involved in buying and selling both potatoes and rotation crops  
and strikes the section of the bill relating to inspections and  
guarantees of rotation crops. It also adds a fiscal note to the  
bill.