



SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 10.7: Meat and Seafood Processing Grants

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Analysis of:	Sec. 10.7 of S.L. 2021-180		

OVERVIEW: Section 10.7 of S.L. 2021-180 directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) to provide grants to small and independent meat and seafood processors for expansion, facility improvements, and workforce development. No more than 35% of the funds may be used for grants to seafood processors and no more than \$2 million total may supplement grants previously awarded to reflect construction cost inflation. The Department may provide three categories of grants:

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