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Bill Summary

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Overview

The Department of Agriculture is charged with the regulation and enforcement of laws relating to merchandise warehouses, household goods warehouses, grain storage facilities, and the bonding of warehouse operators. However, there is some doubt about whether the commissioner of agriculture has full rulemaking authority over these activities. House File 466, as introduced, grants explicit authority to the commissioner to adapt rules governing these activities.

Section

- 1 Rules (chapter 231). The commissioner of agriculture is given specific authority to adopt rules governing merchandise warehouse licensing, inspection, and the administration of for warehouse operators bonds.
- **Rules (chapter 232).** The commissioner of agriculture is given specific authority to adopt rules governing grain storage licensing, grain warehouse examinations, and the administration of grain storage bonds.