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Internet sales exemption from auction laws

Exempts from auctioneer and auction firm licensure requirements a person who, in any calendar year, sells not more than \$10,000 of personal property via an auction mediation company (for example, eBay) if:

1. The company provides fraud protection to the buyer; and
2. The property is the person's own personal property, or the property is the personal property of another (sold without compensation).

Local preemption for pesticide use

Prohibits a political subdivision from regulating or banning the packaging, registration, labeling, sale, storage, distribution, use, or application of a pesticide registered with the Department of Agriculture on private property, including private property that is open to the public.

Evaluations of registered EHSs and EHSs in training

Requires the Directors of Agriculture and Health to each adopt rules establishing a method for evaluating a registered environmental health specialist's (EHS) and EHS in training's knowledge of the laws governing food safety, including the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code.

Specifies that the evaluations must solely use an objective written or electronic assessment that complies with specified requirements.

Requires the evaluations to be part of board of health surveys that determine if individual boards are qualified to administer and enforce the laws governing retail food establishments and food service operations.

Prohibits the Directors from using any other assessment than that established by the rules.

Allows the Directors to require a registered EHS or EHS in training to participate in a field review portion of the survey for training and educational purposes, but prohibits the Directors from using that participation for evaluation purposes.

State agency oil and gas resources

Requires, rather than authorizes, each state agency to lease agency-owned or -controlled oil and gas resources for development prior to the date that rules governing leasing procedures are adopted by the Oil and Gas Land Management Commission.

Specifies that a state agency must enter that type of lease in good faith.

Requires the person seeking to enter into a lease to submit to the state agency proof of insurance and financial assurance and proof of registration with the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management.

Green energy

Defines “green energy” as energy generated by using an energy resource that meets certain emissions and sustainability requirements, including energy generated by using natural gas.

Provides that, except for compressed natural gas that has been produced from biologically derived methane gas, energy generated by using natural gas is not eligible to receive renewable energy credits.

Towing authorizations

Authorizes a conservancy district police department to order the towing and storage of a motor vehicle in certain circumstances, including when the vehicle is an abandoned junk vehicle and when the vehicle is left on private or public property for a specified time.

Authorizes a conservancy district police department to undertake other activities related to towed or abandoned vehicles, including maintaining records of vehicles towed from private tow-away zones and receiving notices from specified entities that are taking title to abandoned vehicles.