

## **CS/CS/SB 350 — Tomato Food Safety**

by General Government Appropriations Committee; Agriculture Committee and Senator Dean

This bill delineates requirements for a tomato farmer, packer, repacker, or handler to be considered in compliance with state food safety microbial standards and guidelines. The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to inspect tomato farms, tomato greenhouses, tomato packinghouses, repacking locations, or any vehicle being used to transport or hold tomatoes to ensure compliance with food safety standards. The department is also authorized to impose administrative fines or to issue a written notice or warning for violations.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

*Vote: Senate 35-1; House 114-0*