

## Agency Proposal for Legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session

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1. What is the problem or issue?

The Commercial Feed law says that all licensees shall file a tonnage report, but distributors and pet food manufacturers or guarantors, who are licensed, are not responsible for tonnage. Therefore, they always submit a "zero" report as required by the law but there is no actual need for distributors, pet food manufacturers, or guarantors to submit a report.

2. What do you want the legislation to do?

The legislation as proposed will clarify the responsible party for reporting requirements of commercial feed. Clarifying the act will eliminate reporting requirements for about 650 business entities and reduce paperwork for not only the department but also the impacted businesses.

3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.

80-9-101, and 80-9-206, MCA.

4. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose (e.g., an increase in or both)?

This proposed legislation does not require additional funding.

5. Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.

No.