SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 832

Relating to civil penalties for laws implemented by the State Department of Agriculture

To:Ways and Means Full CommitteeFrom:Natural Resources SubcommitteeCarrier:Representative Breese-Iverson

SB 832 modifies and expands civil penalty authorities of the Department of Agriculture in the Animal Health program, relating to disease control and reporting, to bring the program in alignment with other enforcement authorities at the Department.

The measure establishes new civil penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per violation and authorizes the Department to take administrative action for unpaid penalties. Revenues are to be deposited into the Department of Agriculture Service Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department. Estimated revenues and expenses relating to the measure are anticipated to be minimal.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 832 be reported out do pass.