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BILL and Amendment SUMMARY

**Livestock and
Crop Theft
HF 2487**

Status of Bill: Appropriations Calendar

Committee: Appropriations (24-0)

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Bill Summary

HF 2487 creates an Agricultural Property Offense Surcharge of 35% of the fine or the forfeiture imposed if a person has been found guilty or has entered a deferred judgement.

The surcharge is imposed on the theft of agricultural property or criminal mischief by damaging, defacing, altering, or destroying agricultural property. For the surcharge to be applied, the charge must be a class C or D felony or an aggravated misdemeanor.

Agricultural property means both crops and livestock as they are defined in Code as well as a bee colony or hive as long as the Department of Agriculture is authorized to inspect or regulate the movement of the colony, package, or hive. The definition also includes a queen bee.

The revenue from the increased surcharge is to be appropriated to the Judicial Branch for supporting Judicial Branch operations.

Amendment Summary

H-8535 by Klein

Eliminates language that allows for the surcharge to be imposed if there is a deferred judgement and requires there be a conviction of committing the crimes listed in the bill. The amendment also makes a technical change to the title page.