SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Senator Andreas Borgeas, Chair 2021 - 2022 Regular

Bill No:	AB 1825	Hearing Date:	6/21/2022
Author:	Committee on Agriculture		
Version:	2/7/22		
Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: Fruit, nut, and vegetable standards: out-of-state processing

SUMMARY:

This bill exempts from state packing and shipping regulations the transportation of melons and vegetables in field bins or bulk to out-of-state processing and packing plants that are in an adjacent state.

BACKGROUND AND EXISTING LAW:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes regulations for fruits, nuts, and vegetable standards (*Food and Agriculture Code, Section 42501*).
- 2) Exempts from state packing and shipping regulations the transportation of melons and vegetables in field bins or bulk to out of state processing and packing plants located in an adjacent state and located within 25 miles of the California border (*Food and Agriculture Code, Section 43571*).

PROPOSED LAW:

This bill:

1) Exempts from state packing and shipping regulations the transportation of melons and vegetables in field bins or bulk to out-of-state processing and packing plants located in states that share a common border with California, regardless of location from first-point packing and shipping standards.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:

According to the author:

AB 1825 will exempt California farmers sending agriculture products to out of state packers and processors from state packing and shipping standards. Agriculture products that qualify for the exemption have to be straight from the field or orchard. AB 1825 will give California farmers additional options for packing and processing, especially those that farm in California and bordering states.

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<u>COMMENTS</u>:

Existing law exempts from state packing and shipping standards products being transported from an orchard or field to a packing plant within the state for first processing, grading or packing. Melons and vegetables in field bins or bulk are also exempt from such standards when being transported a distance of less than 25 miles from the California border into an adjoining U.S. state for processing. This bill eliminates the 25-mile limitation, thus allowing bulk melons and vegetables that do not meet standards to be transported anywhere in an adjoining state for packing.

PRIOR ACTIONS:

Assembly Floor:	73 - 0
Assembly Appropriations Committee:	15 - 0
Assembly Agriculture Committee:	10 - 0

SUPPORT:

None received

OPPOSITION:

None received

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