

HB 1195 -- Agricultural Crimes

Sponsor: Cauthorn

This bill changes the laws regarding agricultural crimes. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that any person who dispenses or removes any motor fuel from a storage container at any residence, farm, or agricultural property without the express permission of the owner is guilty of the crime of stealing under Section 570.030, RSMo;

(2) Changes the crime of trespass in the first degree from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor;

(3) Changes the crime of false impersonation from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor and if impersonating a law enforcement officer from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony; and

(4) Prohibits any person from attempting by means of any threat or violence to deter or prevent an inspector, agent, or other employee of the Department of Agriculture from performing any duties imposed by law and prohibits any person from impersonating an inspector, agent, or employee of the department. Any person who violates these provisions will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and any second or subsequent violation will be a class A misdemeanor.