

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2607**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member De Leon**

February 19, 2010

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An act relating to pests.

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AB 2607, as introduced, De Leon. Pest control: shipments: wood pallets: study.

Existing law generally regulates the shipment of articles for purposes of pest control.

This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture, in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension and in consultation with certain state agencies, to conduct a study of the health and safety issues of wood pallets used for shipping and the risks they may pose to the state's food supply. The bill would also require the study to evaluate sustainable and recyclable alternatives to wood pallets in California. The bill would require the department to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before February 1, 2012.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Department of Food and Agriculture shall
- 2 work in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative
- 3 Extension to conduct a study of the health and safety issues of
- 4 wood pallets used for shipping and the risks they may pose to the

1 state's food supply. The study shall also evaluate sustainable and  
2 recyclable alternatives to wood pallets in California. The  
3 department shall consult with the California Health and Human  
4 Services Agency and the California Environmental Protection  
5 Agency in conducting the study. The department shall report its  
6 findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before  
7 February 1, 2012.

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