

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 296

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Waldron)**

February 12, 2015

An act to amend Section 12246 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to weights and measures.

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AB 296, as introduced, Dodd. Weights and measures: inspection: fees.

Existing law requires the sealer of a county to inspect and test weighing and measuring devices, as specified, that are used or sold in the county. Existing law also requires the sealer of a county to weigh or measure packages to determine whether they contain the amount represented, as provided. Existing law, until January 1, 2016, authorizes the board of supervisors of a county, by ordinance, to charge fees, not to exceed the county's total cost of actually inspecting or testing weighing and measuring devices required of the county sealer, to recover the costs of the county sealer to perform these duties. Existing law, until January 1, 2016, requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to establish by regulation an annual administrative fee to recover reasonable administrative and enforcement costs incurred by the Department of Food and Agriculture for exercising supervision over and performing investigations in connection with the activities performed by sealers described above, and requires the administrative fee to be collected for every device registered with each county office of weights and measures and paid annually to the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund.

This bill would extend the authority of the board of supervisors of a county to charge fees to recover the costs of the county sealer, as provided, until January 1, 2019, and would extend certain other related provisions. The bill would also continue the annual administrative fee to recover the costs incurred by the department described above until January 1, 2019.

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. Section 12246 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 12246. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
4 ~~2016~~, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
5 statute that is enacted before January 1, ~~2016~~, 2019, deletes or
6 extends that date.