

AB2596
Agricultural Mediation
(Also SB1156)
Effective 1/1/03

This legislation would provide a mediation procedure applicable to specified agricultural employers and a labor organization certified as the exclusive bargaining agent of a bargaining unit of agricultural employees. It would permit either party to file with the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, at any time following 90 days after certification of the labor organization, a declaration that the parties have failed to reach a collective bargaining agreement and a request for an order directing the parties to mandatory mediation and conciliation of their issues

This bill would provide that the mediation procedures shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

"Agricultural employer," is one who has employed or engaged 25 or more agricultural employees during any calendar week in the year preceding the filing of a declaration pursuant to this law.