

**190C.6 Regional organic associations.**

1. Regional organic associations may be established as provided in [this section](#). A regional organic association must be organized as a corporation under [chapter 504](#) which has certified members, elects its own officers and directors, and is independent from the department.

2. The department may authorize a regional organic association to assist the department in acting as a state certifying agent pursuant to [section 190C.3](#). The regional organic association must be registered with the department. Upon request by the department, a registered regional organic association may do all of the following:

*a.* Review applications and provide applicants with technical assistance in completing applications. The department may authorize a regional organic association to process applications, including collecting and forwarding applications to the department.

*b.* Prepare a summary of an application, including materials accompanying the application, for review by the department. A regional organic association may include a recommendation for approval, modification, or disapproval of an application.

[98 Acts, ch 1205, §6, 20; 2003 Acts, ch 104, §11, 21; 2004 Acts, ch 1049, §191; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §394](#)

Referred to in [§190C.1](#), [190C.2A](#), [190C.3](#)