

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 795

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1986

Introduced by Vickers, 38

AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; to amend sections 81-2,163, 81-2,164.01, and 81-2,164.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to provide for a fee as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the publication of certain information; to rename a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 81-2,163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-2,163. The Department of Agriculture shall ~~may~~ serve as an information bureau in reference to the state's resources, industries, and development; and shall ~~may~~ assemble data relating to the resources and industries of the state and to the physical, economical, and social conditions existing therein. The department shall ~~may~~ publish the facts ascertained, may charge for departmental publications an amount not to exceed the cost of collecting, publishing, and distributing such statistical information for the purposes of sections 81-201 and 81-2,163 to 81-2,164.03, and by means of publicity ~~may~~ promote the development of the resources of the state to the welfare of its inhabitants.

Sec. 2. That section 81-2,164.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-2,164.01. The Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to cooperate with the federal government and other farm industry groups or associations in assembling and disseminating current and timely information, regarding prices and market conditions relating to agricultural products produced, throughout the State of Nebraska. The department shall ~~may~~ disseminate, without expense, through the newspapers, through radio and television media, or by telephone facilities designed for such purpose, timely reports of such information as will be of general value and benefit to the producers and dealers in agricultural products to promote and assist the agriculture industry.

Sec. 3. That section 81-2,164.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-2,164.03. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to receive voluntary gifts and contributions from the federal government, private agencies, farm industry associations, and individuals or to collect fees or charges for services or publications from any source including, but not limited to, the federal government, state governments, public agencies, and private entities or individuals for the purpose of defraying the expenses of carrying out the provisions of subdivision (3) of section 81-201 and sections 81-2,163 81-2,164-01 to 81-2,164.03. All advances so received shall be credited to the Agricultural Products Marketing Information Cash Fund, which fund is hereby created. Disbursements from such fund shall be made upon vouchers approved by the director and warrants issued thereon as provided by law. All money received from the federal government, local government agencies, private research agencies, farm industry associations, or individuals, which are reimbursements for expenditures made, shall be deposited in the state treasury and by the State Treasurer credited to the Agricultural Products Marketing Information Cash Fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to sections 72-1237 to 72-1269. Any money in the Agricultural Products Marketing Information Fund shall, on the effective date of this act, be transferred to the Agricultural Products Marketing Information Cash Fund.

Sec. 4. That original sections 81-2,163, 81-2,164.01, and 81-2,164.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.