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MARTIN, APRIL 29, 2019

REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 29, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, establishing the
3 Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission and providing for its
4 powers and duties.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 9

10 PENNSYLVANIA DAIRY FUTURE COMMISSION

11 Sec.

12 901. Scope of chapter.

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3 § 901. Scope of chapter.

4 This chapter relates to the Pennsylvania Dairy Future
5 Commission.

6 § 902. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
8 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
9 context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission
11 established in this chapter.

12 § 903. Establishment.

13 The Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission is established.

14 § 904. Duties.

15 The commission shall review and make recommendations to
16 promote and strengthen the Commonwealth's dairy industry in the
17 following areas:

18 (1) Processing, production and marketing in the dairy
19 industry.

20 (2) Current issues facing the dairy industry.

21 (3) Statutory impacts on the dairy industry.

22 (4) Regulatory impacts on the dairy industry.

23 (5) Local government impacts on the dairy industry.

24 (6) Other aspects of the dairy industry identified by
25 the commission.

26 § 905. Membership.

27 (a) General rule.--The commission shall consist of the
28 following members:

29 (1) One individual appointed by the Governor.

30 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture or a designee.

- 1 (3) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development
2 or a designee.
- 3 (4) The Secretary of Revenue or a designee.
- 4 (5) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
- 5 (6) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a
6 designee.
- 7 (7) One individual approved by the President pro tempore
8 of the Senate.
- 9 (8) One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House
10 of Representatives.
- 11 (9) Two individuals appointed by the Majority Leader of
12 the Senate.
- 13 (10) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of
14 the Senate.
- 15 (11) Two individuals appointed by the Majority Leader of
16 the House of Representatives.
- 17 (12) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of
18 the House of Representatives.
- 19 (13) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
20 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate or a
21 designee.
- 22 (14) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
23 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
24 Representatives or a designee.
- 25 (15) A representative of the Milk Marketing Board.
- 26 (16) A representative of the Center for Dairy
27 Excellence.
- 28 (17) A representative of The Pennsylvania State
29 University with expertise in the dairy industry.
- 30 (18) A representative of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

1 with expertise in the dairy industry.

2 (19) A representative of the Center for Rural
3 Pennsylvania.

4 (b) Chairperson.--The commission shall appoint a member to
5 serve as chairperson of the commission.

6 § 906. Meetings.

7 The commission shall hold its first meeting within 45 days of
8 the effective date of this section, regardless of whether all
9 legislative caucuses have appointed members to the commission.
10 The commission shall hold meetings on the call of the
11 chairperson.

12 § 907. Payments to members.

13 Members may not receive compensation for services, but shall
14 be reimbursed for all necessary travel and other reasonable
15 expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the
16 members' duties as members of the commission.

17 § 908. Administrative support.

18 The Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative
19 support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the
20 commission to carry out the commission's duties under this
21 chapter. The department shall provide the commission with data,
22 research and other information upon request by the commission.

23 § 909. Additional powers and duties.

24 The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

25 (1) Review, make findings and offer recommendations
26 related to the dairy industry in this Commonwealth.

27 (2) Consult with and utilize experts to assist the
28 commission in carrying out the duties under this subsection.

29 (3) Receive input from interested parties.

30 (4) Hold public hearings in different regions of this

1 Commonwealth.

2 (5) Review and consider dairy policies and factors
3 utilized throughout the United States.

4 (6) Review the administration and operation of State and
5 regional programs and services and make recommendations to
6 implement new policies, legislation and regulations.

7 (7) Draft proposed legislation based on the commission's
8 findings.

9 (8) Issue a report of the commission's findings and
10 recommendations to the Governor, the Majority Leader and
11 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader and
12 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority
13 Leader of the House of Representatives, the chairperson and
14 minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs
15 Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority
16 chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of
17 the House of Representatives not later than one year after
18 the effective date of this section.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.