

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1580**

**Bill Subtitle: CONCERNING AN ARKANSAS BOVINE ANIMAL DISEASE PROGRAM AND THE USE OF THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION DISEASE AND PEST CONTROL FUND; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

---

### **Basic Change :**

Representative Talley

The bill changes the fee for funding the Arkansas bovine animal disease program from the current fee of \$1.00 per head on all cattle sold in the state to a fee not to exceed \$2.00 per head on cattle. The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission would establish the amount of the fee necessary to operate and continue the Arkansas bovine animal disease program. The fee is to be deposited as special revenues and credited to the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund. The bill would be effective ninety days after final adjournment of the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### **Revenue Impact :**

No impact to state general revenue. The increase in special revenue to the Livestock and Poultry Commission will be dependent on the rate of the fee as established by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. The fees may not exceed \$2.00 per head of cattle.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

No change in monthly reporting of fees collected.

### **Resources Required :**

None

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided for implementation..

### **Procedural Changes :**

Returns will have to be amended and there will be some minor programming changes.

### **Other Comments :**

None

### **Legal Analysis :**

The bill levies a fee of up to \$2.00 per head on all cattle sold in the state. The bill authorizes the Livestock and Poultry Commission to establish by rule the amount of the fee necessary to operate the bovine animal disease program. The purchaser of the cattle is liable to remit the fee to the Department of Finance and Administration monthly. When the sale is made through a livestock auction or an agent of the seller, then the auction or agent is required to collect and remit the fee. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is required to determine before the close of each fiscal year the amount of funds that will remain in the fund at the end of the fiscal year and allow the remainder to be carried forward and used for the same purposes in the next fiscal year. The bill will be effective 90 days following adjournment.