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SENATE BILL 229

By: Senator Scott

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET TO EMPLOY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN TO INSPECT ALL LIVESTOCK PRESENTED FOR SALE AT SUCH MARKET FOR ANY INFECTIOUS, CONTAGIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, AND TO PERFORM ANY AND ALL TESTS OR VACCINATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PERMIT SUCH LIVESTOCK TO BE SOLD AND TO ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK SOLD AT SUCH MARKET; TO AUTHORIZE LIVESTOCK MARKETS TO CHARGE SELLERS OF LIVESTOCK A FEE TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF VETERINARIAN SERVICES AT THE MARKET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. On and after August 1, 1987, each livestock auction market in the State shall employ a licensed, accredited veterinarian approved by the Livestock and Poultry Commission who shall have the responsibility to perform a visual inspection of all livestock presented for sale at such auction for the purpose of detecting any infectious, contagious or communicable disease such livestock may have, to perform any and all tests or vaccinations that are required by law or regulation for such livestock to be sold at such market and to issue appropriate certificates of approval for all livestock sold at such market.

SECTION 2. Each livestock auction market in the State is authorized to charge a fee designed to cover the cost to the market of employing a veterinarian to perform the services required by this Act.

SECTION 3. The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission is hereby authorized to adopt appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the intent

and purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

