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A Bill

SENATE BILL

584

By: Senator Fitch

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF THE BRUCELLOSIS PROGRAM;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) (1) In order to fund or partially fund the brucellosis control and eradication program, a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for vaccination at the livestock market shall be assessed until July 1, 1991, after which the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission may set whatever fee it feels necessary to continue the brucellosis program.

(2) Each livestock market operator shall collect fees under this subsection and shall remit them to the office of the State Veterinarian weekly. The operator may withhold eight percent (8%) of all such fees collected to help defray the cost of administering the program at the market.

(b) (1) In order to fund or partially fund the brucellosis control and eradication program, there is hereby levied until July 1, 1990, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per head on all cattle sold in this State, after which the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission shall establish the amount of the fee it feels necessary to continue the brucellosis program. The fee shall not be assessed on the resale of any cattle within ten (10) calendar days after the prior sale if the fee was paid on the prior sale.

(2) The fee shall be collected by the purchaser and remitted monthly to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration except that if the sale occurs through a livestock auction market or any other agent of the seller, the livestock auction market or other agent shall collect and remit the fee. The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement the collection of the fee.

(c) (1) After deducting three percent (3%) for credit to the

Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund, the remainder of funds so remitted to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenues and credited to the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund.

(2) Before the close of each fiscal year, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine the amount of funds which will remain at the end of the fiscal year in the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund from fees collected under the provisions of this section. He shall allow such funds to be carried forward and made available for the same purposes in the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 2-40-206 pertaining to the funding of the brucellosis program is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.