

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: H3/5/01
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2167

5 By: Representatives Nichols, M. Steele, Oglesby, Hickinbotham, Gipson, C. Taylor, Scroggin
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO RENAME THE STATE PLANT BOARD; TO
10 REQUIRE THAT STATE PLANT BOARD TO PUBLISH
11 INFORMATION ABOUT VALUE ADDED AND OTHER
12 AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a)(1) Effective October 31, 2002, the "State Plant
24 Board," as it is referred to or empowered throughout the Arkansas Code, is
25 renamed.

26 (2) In its place, the "Arkansas Department of Agriculture" is
27 established, succeeding to the general powers and responsibilities previously
28 assigned to the State Plant Board.

29 (3) The Director of the State Plant Board is directed to
30 identify and revise all inter-agency agreements, financial instruments,
31 funds, and other necessary legal documents in order to effect this change by
32 October 31, 2002.

33 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as impairing the powers and
34 authorities of the State Plant Board prior to the effective date of the name
35 change.
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SECTION 2. As funds become available, the State Plant Board shall:

(1) Make available to the public comprehensive information about the creation of "value added" products, including ways to increase farm profits, cut costs, broaden marketing alternatives, protect natural resources, and sustain communities;

(3) Coordinate with agricultural cooperatives and marketing associations regarding agricultural production, marketing and education in Arkansas;

(4) Coordinate with other state agencies in forming advisory teams to work with communities in the development of agriculture in the rural areas of the state;

(5) Identify new agricultural business enterprises as well as assist in implementing an agriculture awareness program in this state; and

(6) Develop a website to provide comprehensive information concerning agricultural production, marketing and education in Arkansas.

/s/ Nichols, et al.

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