

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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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2233

By: Representative Thyer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE  
SECRETARY OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT;  
TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARKANSAS  
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT AND ITS RELATED BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT TO PROVIDE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY  
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARKANSAS  
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-38-203 is amended to read as follows:*

*25-38-203. Arkansas Agriculture Department – Powers and duties.*

*The Arkansas Agriculture Department shall:*

*(1) Administer the departments, institutions, other agencies, or parts of departments, institutions, or other agencies transferred to the department under §§ 25-38-204 and 25-38-205;*

*(2) Coordinate all existing programs and create any new programs that will enhance the marketing of the state's agricultural products to intrastate, national, and international markets;*

*(3) Establish a clearinghouse for collecting, correlating, analyzing, and interpreting marketing and educational information and data concerning needs of and resources for agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, and kindred industries;*

*(4) Develop a Web site devoted to marketing and education*



1 concerning agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, and kindred  
2 industries, including a distinctive logo publicizing products as "Grown in  
3 Arkansas";

4 (5) Encourage the organization of neighborhood and county  
5 agricultural clubs and associations;

6 (6) Coordinate the various activities of the department with  
7 those of the federal government and other states on matters pertaining to  
8 agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, and kindred industries and  
9 enter into agreements for that purpose;

10 (7) Coordinate with existing programs concerning agriculture,  
11 aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, and kindred industries with the  
12 University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture;

13 (8) Make all contracts and grants and employ, to the extent  
14 funds are available, such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the  
15 purposes of this chapter; ~~and~~

16 (9) Assist other departments, agencies, and institutions of the  
17 state and federal governments, when so requested, by performing services in  
18 conformity with the purposes of this chapter; ~~and~~

19 (10) For the departments, institutions, other agencies, or parts  
20 thereof, transferred to the Arkansas Agriculture Department under § 25-38-  
21 204, promulgate rules for:

22 (A) Marketing;

23 (B) Gifts and donations; and

24 (C) Any other matters not presently covered by the rule  
25 making authority of departments, institutions, other agencies, or parts  
26 thereof that the Arkansas Agriculture Department deems necessary to fully  
27 implement this subchapter.

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29 /s/ Thyer  
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