

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

SENATE BILL 349

5 By: Senators Laverty, G. Jeffress, Salmon, H. Wilkins, J. Taylor
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BUYER TO REMIT THE*
10 *ASSESSMENT ON THE SALE OF RICE; TO PROVIDE FOR*
11 *THE ASSESSMENT'S USE AND CONSIDERATION OF BUYER*
12 *AND PRODUCER PREFERENCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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15 *TO REQUIRE THE BUYER TO REMIT THE*
16 *ASSESSMENT ON THE SALE OF RICE; AND TO*
17 *PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT'S USE AND*
18 *CONSIDERATION OF BUYER AND PRODUCER*
19 *PREFERENCES.*
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-20-507 is amended to read as follows:
25 2-20-507. Assessments on grown rice.

26 (a) *There are imposed and levied:*

27 (1) *An assessment at the rate of one and thirty-five hundredths*
28 *cents (1.35¢) per bushel to be paid by the buyer at the first point of sale,*
29 *whether within or without the state, on rice grown within the state or at the*
30 *point the rice enters into the United States Department of Agriculture loan*
31 *program; and*

32 (2) *An assessment at the rate of one and thirty-five hundredths*
33 *cents (1.35¢) per bushel to be paid by the producer on all rice grown within*
34 *this state.*

35 (b)(1)(A) The assessment imposed and levied by this subsection (a) of
36 this section shall be collected by ~~the Director of the Department of Finance~~



1 ~~and Administration from~~ the buyer of rice at the first point of sale or at
2 the point the rice enters into the United States Department of Agriculture
3 loan program.

4 (B) The buyer of rice shall remit the assessment collected
5 under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section to the Director of the Department
6 of Finance and Administration on the form prepared by the director for that
7 submission.

8 (2) The form for the remittance by the buyer of rice under
9 subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall show:

10 (A) The total amount of assessments collected by the rice
11 buyer during the month; and

12 (B) The *buyer's and the* producer's preference for
13 disbursements under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section to either the USA
14 Rice Federation or the US Rice Producers Association or no preference.

15 (3) The director shall provide the Arkansas Rice Research and
16 Promotion Board with a monthly report summarizing the *buyers' and the*
17 producers' preferences for disbursements under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this
18 section.

19 (c)(1) The proceeds of the assessment, less not more than three
20 percent (3%) to cover the cost of collections, shall be deposited by the
21 director with the Treasurer of State in a ~~special fund to be established for~~
22 ~~the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board to the credit of the board~~ the
23 Arkansas Rice and Research and Promotion Fund, § 19-6-451.

24 (2) The Treasurer of State shall make a disbursement from the
25 fund ~~Disbursement shall be made~~ only upon a motion ~~duly~~ passed by the board
26 and presented to the Treasurer of State and only for a purpose prescribed in
27 this subchapter.

28 (d)(1) The funds derived from the assessment ~~paid by a buyer at the~~
29 ~~first point of sale~~ shall be used for:

30 ~~(A) Market development and promotion;~~

31 ~~(B) Basic administration expenses; and~~

32 ~~(C) Defraying the costs of referenda that the board may~~
33 ~~refer to buyers of rice~~ the board's administrative expenses and operational
34 costs.

35 ~~(2) The funds derived from the assessment paid by a producer~~
36 ~~shall be used for:~~

