

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 982

By: Price and Muegge of the
Senate

and

Beutler and Bonny of the
House

An Act relating to agriculture; declaring legislative intent; directing Department of Agriculture and Oklahoma Department of Commerce to establish strategic plan relating to value-added agricultural products; setting completion time; requiring submission of plan; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3021 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature hereby finds, determines and declares that the production of agricultural food products constitutes a large proportion of the state's economy and that it is beneficial to the citizens of this state to enhance such production and further expand the state's economy by effectively supporting and promoting the value-added food processing industry.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3022 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce are hereby directed to jointly establish a strategic plan for the effective marketing and promotion of value-added agricultural products processed in this state, to include domestic and international markets. The plan shall be completed within six (6) months of the effective date of this act. A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives