

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1163

By: Price of the Senate

and

Covey of the House

An Act relating to agriculture; amending 2 O.S. 2001, Section 2-30, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 60, O.S.L. 2002 (2 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 2-30), which relates to the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program; deleting obsolete language; amending 2 O.S. 2001, Section 18-189, which relates to assessments; modifying certain fee per head on sheep and fee per pound for wool; modifying language to be gender neutral; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2001, Section 2-30, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 60, O.S.L. 2002 (2 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 2-30), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-30. A. The Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program under the direction of the Institute for Issue Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution established as provided for in ~~Section 1 of this act~~ 3430 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is authorized to provide mediation services ~~pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Act~~ for all types of agricultural and rural living issues ~~for which other state-authorized mediation services are not available.~~

B. The State Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Institute for Issue Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is authorized and directed to develop and implement a plan to increase public awareness of the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program. The plan shall be designed to provide information about the program to producers of agricultural products which might benefit from the program as well as to agricultural lenders. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Providing informational literature to every county extension office in the state;

2. Providing information about the program to agricultural lenders in this state by any feasible means, including but not limited to electronic media;

3. Securing such public service announcements from broadcast media as is feasible;

4. Cooperating with and providing information to court officials; and

5. Such other measures as may be calculated to develop a greater awareness of the existence and benefits of the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2001, Section 18-189, is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-189. A. There is hereby assessed a fee of ~~fifteen cents (\$0.15)~~ twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per head on all sheep produced or sold in the State of Oklahoma and a fee of ~~one cent (\$0.01)~~ two cents (\$0.02) per pound on all wool produced or sold in the State of Oklahoma. Such fees are assessed and imposed on the producer at the time of ~~his~~ the producer's initial sale through an auction or to a dealer.

B. If the dealer is the first purchaser, such dealer shall remit the applicable fee or fees to the Commission. In the case of wool gathered or held at a common point, cooperative or wool pool for later sale, the applicable fee or fees shall be remitted to the Sheep and Wool Utilization, Research and Market Development Commission at the time of the final settlement with the producer or producers thereof.

C. In any event, it is the duty of the first purchaser to remit such fee or fees to the Commission. No sheep or wool shall be subject to the applicable fee more than once.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of April, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 30th day of March, 2004.

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