

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1495

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Commodity Research Enhancement Act; amending Sections 8 and 15, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2014 (2 O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 5-63.8 and 5-63.15), which relate to exemptions for producers and the state assessment collection; creating exemption from state assessment; requiring the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to provide verification; exempting producers who possess verification from collection of state assessment; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2014 (2 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-63.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-63.8. ~~The original referendum may provide exemptions for producers from payment of the state assessment if the exemptions are included in full written form on the election ballot and the referendum is adopted as outlined in Section 11 of this act.~~

A. Any producer who requests an exemption from collection of any state assessment levied according to the provisions of this act shall not be required to pay that state assessment.

1       B. The Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall  
2 provide an exemption card verifying the producer's exemption from  
3 collection of the state assessment to any producer that requests it.

4       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       Section 15, Chapter 371, O.S.L.  
5 2014 (2 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-63.15), is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7       Section 5-63.15.   A.   The collection of the state assessment  
8 levied according to the provisions of this act shall be collected in  
9 the same manner as the federal assessment for the federally approved  
10 commodity, except as provided for in subsection B of this section.

11       B. Producers who possess an exemption card provided by the  
12 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall not be required  
13 to pay the state assessment levied according to the provisions of  
14 this act.

15       SECTION 3.   This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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