## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1996 Session of 2014

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 1, 2014

## AN ACT

Amending the act of April 28, 1937 (P.L.417, No.105), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to milk and the products 2 thereof; creating a Milk Marketing Board; establishing its 3 jurisdiction, powers and duties; regulating the production, 4 transportation, manufacturing, processing, storage, 5 distribution, delivery and sale of milk and certain products 7 thereof; providing for the licensing of milk dealers and the payment of fees therefor; requiring milk dealers to file 8 bonds to secure payment for milk to producers and certain 9 milk dealers; authorizing the holding of hearings and the 10 issuance of subpoenas by the board; conferring jurisdiction 11 upon courts to punish contempts and to prohibit violations of 12 13 this act and of rules, regulations and orders of the board; authorizing the board to adopt rules, regulations and orders, 14 and to enter into interstate and Federal compacts; requiring 15 persons who weigh, measure, sample or test milk to procure 16 permits or certificates, to take examinations, to pay fees 17 therefor, to furnish certain notices, records and statements, 18 and to use certain methods of weighing, measuring, sampling 19 and testing; authorizing the board to examine the business, 20 21 papers and premises of milk dealers and producers, requiring 22 the keeping of records and the filing of reports by milk 23 dealers, and permitting, with limitations, the use of 24 information obtained thereby; authorizing the board to fix 25 prices for milk and certain milk products subject to the approval of the Governor, and conferring certain powers upon the Governor with respect thereto; providing for appeals to 26 27 the courts from decisions of the board, and for the burden of 28 29 proof upon such appeals; prescribing penalties, fines and imprisonment for violations of this act and rules, 30

- regulations and orders of the board; defining perjury; 1
- defining remedies; repealing legislation supplied and 2
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- superseded by this act, and saving rights, duties and proceedings thereunder; and making appropriations," in prices of milk, further providing for terms and method of payment.
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- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 806 of the act of April 28, 1937
- 9 (P.L.417, No.105), known as the Milk Marketing Law, amended July
- 10 31, 1968 (P.L.963, No.294), is amended to read:
- 11 Section 806. Terms and Method of Payment. -- (a) The board
- may likewise fix, by official order, the terms upon which milk 12
- 13 dealers shall pay producers and others for milk, may prescribe
- 14 the method of computing payment therefor, and may prescribe a
- 15 form of written statement to be sent to producers with each
- 16 payment.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the board shall require 17
- that MILK DEALERS, INCLUDING COOPERATIVES MAKING PAYMENT TO 18
- PRODUCERS, TO PROVIDE a written statement to each producer with 19
- each payment for milk, WHICH SHALL include the specific amount <--20
- of State-mandated premium included in the payment for milk. The 21
- 22 amount shall be separate and distinct from and may not be
- 2.3 substituted for or commingled with any amount paid as a bonus or
- 24 other premium. For the purpose of this subsection, a State-
- 25 mandated premium shall mean any specific component of the
- minimum wholesale or retail price established by the board and 26
- 27 collected with the intention of being paid to producers of milk
- 28 that is produced, processed and sold in this Commonwealth for
- 29 any class of milk as determined by the board.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days. 30