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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, establishing the
3 Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission and providing for its
4 powers and duties.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
8 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 9PENNSYLVANIA DAIRY FUTURE COMMISSION

11 Sec.

12 901. Scope of chapter.

13 902. Definitions.

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1 907. Payments to members.

2 908. Administrative support.

3 909. Additional powers and duties.

4 § 901. Scope of chapter.

5 This chapter relates to the Pennsylvania Dairy Future
6 Commission.

7 § 902. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
9 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission
12 established in this chapter.

13 § 903. Establishment.

14 The Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission is established.

15 § 904. Duties.

16 The commission shall review and make recommendations to
17 promote and strengthen the Commonwealth's dairy industry in the
18 following areas:

19 (1) Processing, production and marketing in the dairy
20 industry.

21 (2) Current issues facing the dairy industry.

22 (3) Statutory impacts on the dairy industry.

23 (4) Regulatory impacts on the dairy industry.

24 (5) Local government impacts on the dairy industry.

25 (6) Other aspects of the dairy industry identified by
26 the commission.

27 § 905. Membership.

28 (a) General rule.--The commission shall consist of the
29 following members:

30 (1) One individual appointed by the Governor.

- 1 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture or a designee.
- 2 (3) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development
3 or a designee.
- 4 (4) The Secretary of Revenue or a designee.
- 5 (5) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
- 6 (6) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a
7 designee.
- 8 (7) One individual ~~approved~~ APPOINTED by the President <--
9 pro tempore of the Senate.
- 10 (8) One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House
11 of Representatives.
- 12 (9) Two individuals appointed by the Majority Leader of
13 the Senate.
- 14 (10) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of
15 the Senate.
- 16 (11) Two individuals appointed by the Majority Leader of
17 the House of Representatives.
- 18 (12) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of
19 the House of Representatives.
- 20 (13) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
21 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate or a
22 designee.
- 23 (14) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
24 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
25 Representatives or a designee.
- 26 (15) A representative of the Milk Marketing Board.
- 27 (16) A representative of the Center for Dairy
28 Excellence.
- 29 (17) A representative of The Pennsylvania State
30 University with expertise in the dairy industry.

1 (18) A representative of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
2 with expertise in the dairy industry.

3 (19) A representative of the Center for Rural
4 Pennsylvania.

5 (20) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE. <--

6 (b) Chairperson.--The commission shall appoint a member to
7 serve as chairperson of the commission.

8 § 906. Meetings.

9 The commission shall hold its first meeting within 45 days of
10 the effective date of this section, regardless of whether all
11 legislative caucuses have appointed members to the commission.

12 The commission shall hold meetings ~~on~~ AT the call of the <--
13 chairperson.

14 § 907. Payments to members.

15 Members may not receive compensation for services, but shall
16 be reimbursed for all necessary travel and other reasonable
17 expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the
18 members' duties as members of the commission.

19 § 908. Administrative support.

20 The Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative
21 support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the
22 commission to carry out the commission's duties under this
23 chapter. The department shall provide the commission with data,
24 research and other information upon request by the commission.

25 § 909. Additional powers and duties.

26 The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

27 (1) Review, make findings and offer recommendations
28 related to the dairy industry in this Commonwealth.

29 (2) Consult with and utilize experts to assist the
30 commission in carrying out the duties under this subsection.

1 (3) Receive input from interested parties.

2 (4) Hold public hearings in different regions of this
3 Commonwealth.

4 (5) Review and consider dairy policies and factors
5 utilized throughout the United States.

6 (6) Review the administration and operation of State and
7 regional programs and services and make recommendations to
8 implement new policies, legislation and regulations.

9 (7) ~~Draft proposed legislation~~ RECOMMEND PROPOSED <--
10 LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY CHANGES based on the commission's
11 findings.

12 (8) Issue a report of the commission's findings and
13 recommendations to the Governor, the Majority Leader and
14 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader and
15 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, ~~the Minority~~ <--
16 ~~Leader of the House of Representatives,~~ the chairperson and
17 minority chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs
18 Committee of the Senate, AND the chairperson and minority <--
19 chairperson of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of
20 the House of Representatives not later than one year after
21 the effective date of this section.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.