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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in crop insurance, further providing for short
3 title of chapter, for purpose of chapter, for definitions,
4 for establishment of program and for powers and duties of
5 department; providing for dairy margin coverage program
6 financial assistance; and making an editorial change.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Chapter 47 heading and sections 4701 and 4702 of
10 Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to
11 read:

12 CHAPTER 47

13 CROP INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

14 § 4701. Short title of chapter.

15 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Crop
16 Insurance and Risk Management Act.

17 § 4702. Purpose of chapter.

18 The purpose of this chapter is to establish a program within
19 the department to encourage producers of agricultural

1 commodities to purchase Federal crop insurance and adopt risk
2 management practices and to provide crop insurance financial
3 assistance, subject to the availability of funding, to eligible
4 producers for crop insurance and risk management premium costs.

5 Section 2. The definition of "agricultural commodity" in
6 section 4703 of Title 3 is amended to read:

7 § 4703. 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 "Agricultural commodity." [Any of the following, transported
12 or intended to be transported in commerce:

13 (1) Agricultural, aquacultural, horticultural,
14 floricultural, viticultural or dairy products.

15 (2) Agricultural crops.

16 (3) Livestock and products of livestock.

17 (4) Poultry and products of poultry.

18 (5) Ranch-raised furbearing animals and the products of
19 ranch-raised furbearing animals.

20 (6) The products of bee raising.

21 (7) Forestry and forestry products.

22 (8) Any products raised or produced on farms intended
23 for on farm or human consumption and the processed or
24 manufactured products of such products intended for human
25 consumption.] As defined in the act of June 10, 1982

26 (P.L.454, No.133), referred to as the Right-to-Farm Law.

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28 Section 3. Sections 4704 and 4705(a) of Title 3 are amended
29 to read:

30 § 4704. Establishment of program.

1 The department shall establish a program to educate producers
2 on the benefits of Federal crop insurance and risk management
3 practices. The program shall promote the purchase of Federal
4 crop insurance and risk management programs and may provide
5 financial assistance to eligible producers to partially offset
6 Federal crop insurance premiums and risk management programs.
7 The provision of financial assistance shall be subject to the
8 availability of funding.

9 § 4705. Powers and duties of department.

10 (a) Administration of chapter.--Subject to the conditions
11 contained in this chapter, the department shall administer this
12 chapter and shall exercise all administrative powers necessary
13 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including, but not
14 limited to, drafting and entering into agreements necessary to
15 implement this chapter, establishing eligibility criteria for
16 crop insurance and risk management financial assistance and
17 developing an application and application procedure for crop
18 insurance financial assistance, including time frames for the
19 submission, review and approval of applications.

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21 Section 4. Title 3 is amended by adding a section to read:

22 § 4706.1. Dairy margin coverage program financial assistance.

23 The department may provide financial assistance to producers
24 that enroll in Federal dairy margin coverage programs in an
25 amount to be determined by the secretary in years in which money
26 is appropriated or made available to the department. The
27 following apply:

28 (1) Funding shall be used to assist producers with
29 enrolling, initial purchasing and purchasing additional
30 levels of coverage or to offset the cost of participating in

1 the program, based on availability of funding.

2 (2) The department shall develop and establish program
3 guidelines and eligibility criteria.

4 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.