

SCS SB 153 -- MARKETING OF COMMODITIES

(Vetoed by the Governor)

This bill changes the laws regarding the marketing of commodities. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the receipt by a member of a cooperative association of the economic benefits and services provided by the cooperative to its members including, but not limited to, a return on a patronage basis of the savings realized on milk products sold and distributed to the members or patrons or a refund based on the patronage of the purchaser with the association will not be considered a violation of Section 416.440, RSMo, the Unfair Milk Sales Practices Act;

(2) Defines "imitation milk," "imitation milk products," and "milk" and revises the definition of "milk products" in order to clarify the difference between milk and imitation milk and the difference between milk products and imitation milk products for the purposes of the act;

(3) Changes the membership of the Rice Advisory Council to require certain members to be employed as or by a rice handler and an end user of rice; and

(4) Specifies that any animal or bird under investigation by the State Veterinarian for the presence of a toxin cannot be removed from the premises until certain test results are known and the veterinarian certifies that the animal or bird is free of the toxin and incapable of spreading the toxin. The State Veterinarian is authorized to choose the method of eradication of the toxin and may restrict the movement of any animal or bird under investigation for the presence of a toxin. Once the investigation and testing is completed, the animal or bird must be released from the holding period or placed under permanent quarantine by the State Veterinarian or his or her representative.