

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 976

Approved by the Governor April 10, 1984

Introduced by Haberman, 44

AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; to amend section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to create a fund; to provide for its use; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. There is hereby created a fund to be known as the Weed and Insect Books Cash Fund. All money credited to the fund shall be used by the Department of Agriculture to aid in defraying the cost of publishing, preparing, and distributing the Nebraska Weed Book, the Nebraska Insect Book, and any supplemental inserts to such books. Any money in the Weed and Insect Books Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to sections 72-1237 to 72-1269.

Sec. 2. That section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-201. The Department of Agriculture shall have power (1) to encourage and promote, in every practicable manner, the interest of agriculture, including horticulture, the livestock industry, dairying, cheesemaking, poultry, beekeeping, the production of wool, and all other allied industries; (2) to promote methods of conducting these several industries with a view to increasing the production and facilitating the distribution thereof at the least cost; (3) to collect and publish statistics relating to crop production, marketing and farm economics, the production and marketing of beef, pork, poultry, mutton, wool, butter, cheese, and other agricultural products, so far as such statistical information may be of value to the agricultural and allied interests of the state; to cooperate with the federal government in the matter of collecting such statistical information, and the department shall include in its publications the reports of agricultural, horticultural, and like societies, and of livestock associations, which published statistics shall be the official agricultural statistics of the state; (4) to publish and distribute the Nebraska Weed Book and the Nebraska Insect Book and supplemental inserts thereto, for sale and distribution to the public for an amount not to exceed the cost of publication and distribution. All money collected from the sale of the publications shall be paid to the State

Treasurer and deposited in the General Weed and Insect Books Cash Fund; (5) to encourage the planting of trees and shrubs and the improvement of farm homes generally; (6) to produce and manufacture biological products to be distributed to livestock producers at the actual cost thereof; (7) to inquire into the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases among domestic animals, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same; (8) to see that livestock and stockyards, and other like places where livestock is confined, housed, or fed, are properly cared for; (9) to execute and enforce all laws relating to the inspection of foods, drugs, dairy products, vegetable oils, commission merchants, cider and vinegar, oleomargarine and butterine, sanitation of premises used for manufacturing and preparation of foods, cold storage warehouses, seeds, commercial feeding stuffs, livestock remedies, hotels and inns, weights and measures, commercial fertilizers, and other matters within its jurisdiction, and to adopt necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of such laws; and (10) to employ special investigators who shall be appointed deputy state sheriffs by the Governor, and who shall, upon qualifying for such office, possess all the powers which attach to such office, except that their powers and duties shall be restricted to the enforcement of the animal disease control laws of the State of Nebraska within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

Sec. 3. That original section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.