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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources, February 20, 2003, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 148.330, 348.430, and 348.432, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to tax credits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 148.330, 348.430, and 348.432, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 148.330, 348.430, and 348.432, to read as follows:

148.330. 1. Every such company shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, make a return, verified by the affidavit of its president and secretary, or other authorized officers, to the director of the department of insurance stating the amount of all premiums received on account of policies issued in this state by the company, whether in cash or in notes, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. Upon receipt of such returns the director of the department of insurance shall verify the same and certify the amount of tax due from the various companies on the basis and at the rates provided in section 148.320, and shall certify the same to the director of revenue together with the amount of the quarterly installments to be made as provided in subsection 2 of this section, on or before the thirtieth day of April of each year.

2. Beginning January 1, 1983, the amount of the tax due for that calendar year and each succeeding calendar year thereafter shall be paid in four approximately equal estimated quarterly installments, and a fifth reconciling installment. The first four installments shall be based upon the tax for the immediately preceding taxable year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. The quarterly installments shall be made on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September and the first day of December. Immediately

after receiving certification from the director of the department of insurance of the amount of tax due from the various companies the director of revenue shall notify and assess each company the amount of taxes on its premiums for the calendar year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. The director of revenue shall also notify and assess each company the amount of the estimated quarterly installments to be made for the calendar year. If the amount of the actual tax due for any year exceeds the total of the installments made for such year, the balance of the tax due shall be paid on the first day of June of the year following, together with the regular quarterly payment due at that time. If the total amount of the tax actually due is less than the total amount of the installments actually paid, the amount by which the amount paid exceeds the amount due shall be credited against the tax for the following year and deducted from the quarterly installment otherwise due on the first day of June. If the March first quarterly installment made by a company is less than the amount assessed by the director of revenue, the difference will be due on June first, but no interest will accrue to the state on the difference unless the amount paid by the company is less than eighty percent of one-fourth of the total amount of tax assessed by the director of revenue for the immediately preceding taxable year. The state treasurer, upon receiving the moneys paid as a tax upon such premiums to the director of revenue, shall place the moneys to the credit of a fund to be known as "The County Stock Insurance Fund", which is hereby created and established.

3. If the estimated quarterly tax installments are not so paid, the director of revenue shall certify such fact to the director of the division of insurance who shall thereafter suspend such delinquent company or companies from the further transaction of business in this state until such taxes shall be paid and such companies shall be subject to the provisions of sections 148.410 to 148.461.

4. On or before the first day of September of each year the commissioner of administration shall apportion all moneys in the county stock insurance fund to the general revenue fund of the state, to the county treasurer and to the treasurer of the school district in which the principal office of the company paying the same is located. All premium tax credits described in sections 135.500 to 135.529, RSMo, and sections 348.430 and 348.432, RSMo, shall only reduce the amounts apportioned to the general revenue fund of the state and shall not reduce any moneys apportioned to the treasurer of the school district in which the principal office of the company paying the same is located. Apportionments shall be made in the same ratio which the rates of levy for the same year for state purposes, for county purposes, and for all school district purposes, bear to each other; provided that any proceeds from such tax for prior years remaining on hand in the hands of the county collector or county treasurer undistributed on the effective date of sections 148.310 to 148.460 and any proceeds of such tax for prior years collected thereafter shall be distributed and paid in accordance with the provisions of such sections. Whenever the word "county" occurs herein it shall be construed to include the city of

St. Louis.

348.430. 1. The tax credit created in this section shall be known as the "Agricultural Product Utilization Contributor Tax Credit".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Authority", the agriculture and small business development authority as provided in this chapter;

(2) "Contributor", an individual, partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, entity or person that contributes cash funds to the authority;

(3) "Development facility", a facility producing either a good derived from an agricultural commodity or using a process to produce a good derived from an agricultural product;

(4) "Eligible new generation cooperative", a nonprofit cooperative association formed pursuant to chapter 274, RSMo, or incorporated pursuant to chapter 357, RSMo, for the purpose of operating a development facility or a renewable fuel production facility;

(5) "Eligible new generation processing entity", a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or limited liability company organized or incorporated pursuant to the laws of this state consisting of not less than twelve members, approved by the authority, for the purpose of owning or operating within this state a development facility or a renewable fuel production facility in which producer members:

(a) Hold a majority of the governance or voting rights of the entity and any governing committee;

(b) Control the hiring and firing of management; and

(c) Deliver agricultural commodities or products to the entity for processing, unless processing is required by multiple entities;

(6) "Renewable fuel production facility", a facility producing an energy source which is derived from a renewable, domestically grown, organic compound capable of powering machinery, including an engine or power plant, and any by-product derived from such energy source.

3. For tax year 1999, a contributor who contributes funds to the authority may receive a credit against the tax **or estimated quarterly tax** otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, RSMo, other than taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, chapter 148, RSMo, chapter 147, RSMo, in an amount of up to one hundred percent of such contribution. The awarding of such credit shall be at the approval of the authority, based on the least amount of credits necessary to provide incentive for the contributions. A contributor that receives tax credits for a contribution to the authority shall receive no other consideration or compensation for such contribution, other than a federal tax deduction, if applicable, and goodwill. A contributor that receives tax credits for a contribution provided in this section may not be a member, owner, investor or lender of an eligible new generation cooperative or eligible new generation processing entity that receives financial assistance from the authority either at the time the contribution is

made or for a period of two years thereafter.

4. A contributor shall submit to the authority an application for the tax credit authorized by this section on a form provided by the authority. If the contributor meets all criteria prescribed by this section and the authority, the authority shall issue a tax credit certificate in the appropriate amount. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section shall initially be claimed in the taxable year in which the contributor contributes funds to the authority. Any amount of credit that exceeds the tax due for a contributor's taxable year may be carried forward to any of the contributor's five subsequent taxable years. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section may be assigned, transferred or sold. Whenever a certificate of tax credit is assigned, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the authority specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit or the value of the credit.

5. The funds derived from contributions in this section shall be used for financial assistance or technical assistance for the purposes provided in section 348.407, to rural agricultural business concepts as approved by the authority. The authority may provide or facilitate loans, equity investments, or guaranteed loans for rural agricultural business concepts, but limited to two million dollars per project or the net state economic impact, whichever is less. Loans, equity investments or guaranteed loans may only be provided to feasible projects, and for an amount that is the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur, as determined by the authority. The authority may structure the loans, equity investments or guaranteed loans in a way that facilitates the project, but also provides for a compensatory return on investment or loan payment to the authority, based on the risk of the project.

6. In any given year, at least ten percent of the funds granted to rural agricultural business concepts shall be awarded to grant requests of twenty-five thousand dollars or less. No single rural agricultural business concept shall receive more than two hundred thousand dollars in grant awards from the authority. Agricultural businesses owned by minority members or women shall be given consideration in the allocation of funds.

348.432. 1. The tax credit created in this section shall be known as the "New Generation Cooperative Incentive Tax Credit".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Authority", the agriculture and small business development authority as provided in this chapter;

(2) "Development facility", a facility producing either a good derived from an agricultural commodity or using a process to produce a good derived from an agricultural product;

(3) "Eligible new generation cooperative", a nonprofit cooperative association formed pursuant to chapter 274, RSMo, or incorporated pursuant to chapter 357, RSMo, for the purpose of operating a development facility or a renewable fuel production facility and approved by the authority;

(4) "Eligible new generation processing entity", a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or limited liability company organized or incorporated pursuant to the laws of this state consisting of not less than twelve members, approved by the authority, for the purpose of owning or operating within this state a development facility or a renewable fuel production facility in which producer members:

(a) Hold a majority of the governance or voting rights of the entity and any governing committee;

(b) Control the hiring and firing of management; and

(c) Deliver agricultural commodities or products to the entity for processing, unless processing is required by multiple entities;

(5) "Employee-qualified capital project", an eligible new generation cooperative with capital costs greater than fifteen million dollars which will employ at least one hundred employees;

(6) "Large capital project", an eligible new generation cooperative with capital costs greater than one million dollars;

(7) "Producer member", a person, partnership, corporation, trust or limited liability company whose main purpose is agricultural production that invests cash funds to an eligible new generation cooperative or eligible new generation processing entity;

(8) "Renewable fuel production facility", a facility producing an energy source which is derived from a renewable, domestically grown, organic compound capable of powering machinery, including an engine or power plant, and any by-product derived from such energy source;

(9) "Small capital project", an eligible new generation cooperative with capital costs of no more than one million dollars.

3. Beginning tax year 1999, and ending December 31, 2002, any producer member who invests cash funds in an eligible new generation cooperative or eligible new generation processing entity may receive a credit against the tax **or estimated quarterly tax** otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, RSMo, other than taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or chapter 148, RSMo, chapter 147, RSMo, in an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent of such producer member's investment or fifteen thousand dollars.

4. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, any producer member who invests cash funds in an eligible new generation cooperative **or eligible new generation processing entity** may receive a credit against the tax **or estimated quarterly tax** otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143, RSMo, other than taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, chapter 147, RSMo, or chapter 148, RSMo, in an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent of such producer member's investment or fifteen thousand dollars. **Tax credits claimed in a taxable year may be done so on a quarterly basis and applied to the estimated quarterly tax pursuant to subsection 3 of this section.**

5. A producer member shall submit to the authority an application for the tax credit authorized by this section on a form provided by the authority. If the producer member meets all criteria prescribed by this section and is approved by the authority, the authority shall issue a tax credit certificate in the appropriate amount. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section shall initially be claimed in the taxable year in which the producer member contributes capital to an eligible new generation cooperative or eligible new generation processing entity. Any amount of credit that exceeds the tax due for a producer member's taxable year may be carried back to any of the producer member's three prior taxable years and carried forward to any of the producer member's five subsequent taxable years. Tax credits issued pursuant to this section may be assigned, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed and the new owner of the tax credit shall have the same rights in the credit as the producer member. Whenever a certificate of tax credit is assigned, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the authority specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit or the value of the credit.

6. Ten percent of the tax credits authorized pursuant to this section initially shall be offered in any fiscal year to small capital projects. If any portion of the ten percent of tax credits offered to small capital costs projects is unused in any calendar year, then the unused portion of tax credits may be offered to employee-qualified capital projects and large capital projects. If the authority receives more applications for tax credits for small capital projects than tax credits are authorized therefor, then the authority, by rule, shall determine the method of distribution of tax credits authorized for small capital projects.

7. Ninety percent of the tax credits authorized pursuant to this section initially shall be offered in any fiscal year to employee-qualified capital projects and large capital projects. If any portion of the ninety percent of tax credits offered to employee-qualified capital projects and large capital costs projects is unused in any fiscal year, then the unused portion of tax credits may be offered to small capital projects. The maximum tax credit allowed per employee-qualified capital project is three million dollars and the maximum tax credit allowed per large capital project is one million five hundred thousand dollars. If the authority approves the maximum tax credit allowed for any employee-qualified capital project or any large capital project, then the authority, by rule, shall determine the method of distribution of such maximum tax credit. In addition, if the authority receives more tax credit applications for employee-qualified capital projects and large capital projects than the amount of tax credits authorized therefor, then the authority, by rule, shall determine the method of distribution of tax credits authorized for employee-qualified capital projects and large capital projects.