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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1729

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILK STABILIZATION BOARD ACT; TO AMEND POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS MILK STABILIZATION BOARD; TO SET THE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR MILK PRODUCED AND SOLD IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-10-104(d), concerning the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The board shall ~~have jurisdiction:~~

(A) Have jurisdiction over milk and milk products marketed in the State of Arkansas-, including without limitation the base milk price paid to an Arkansas milk producer; and

(B)(i) Require that an Arkansas milk producer receive Class 1 prices for milk utilized or sold as fluid milk in this state.

(ii) Subdivision (d)(1)(B)(i) of this section applies only to milk that is both produced in and sold as fluid milk within this state.



(2) The board may:

(A) Revise the payment of Class 1 prices required under subdivision (d)(1)(B)(i) of this section if Arkansas is no longer considered a milk-deficit state; and

(B) Make, modify, and enforce rules that the board deems necessary to effectively carry out this subsection.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-10-104, concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Base milk price" means the top line of a milk producer's milk check before deductions for quality premiums or discounts, transportation costs, and cooperative administrative fees;

(2) "Class 1 price" means the price declared by the Federal Milk Marketing Order No. 7; and

(3) "Fluid milk" means milk used for buttermilk, eggnog, flavored, low-fat, skimmed, or whole milk.