

SENATE BILL No. 1167

March 16, 2006, Introduced by Senators JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, BIRKHOLZ, HARDIMAN, CROUSEY, KUIPERS, BROWN, GILBERT, BARCIA, ALLEN and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 322, entitled
"Julian-Stille value-added act,"
(MCL 285.301 to 285.304) by adding section 2b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2B. (1) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE AN
2 AGRICULTURAL VALUE-ADDED COMMERCIALIZATION ROUNDTABLE TO DISCUSS
3 ALL FACETS OF THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
4 PROCESSES, AND SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE
5 AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL, INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE, AND UNIVERSITY
6 LICENSING OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
7 SHALL INVITE AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
8 ROUNDTABLE:

9 (A) THREE INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING
10 FARMERS.

1 (B) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING FOOD
2 PROCESSORS.

3 (C) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING
4 AGRIBUSINESS.

5 (D) TWO INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING AGRICULTURAL LENDING
6 INSTITUTIONS.

7 (E) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

8 (2) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL BE CONVENED BY
9 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
10 DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE
11 THE ROUNDTABLE AT LEAST TWICE EACH CALENDAR YEAR, EXCEPT THAT IF
12 THIS SECTION TAKES EFFECT AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL
13 CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE THE FIRST CALENDAR YEAR. THE ROUNDTABLE MAY
14 ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NEED FOR A MORE
15 FREQUENT MEETING SCHEDULE. THE MEETINGS OF THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL BE
16 OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SHALL BE HELD IN A PLACE AVAILABLE
17 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF EACH
18 MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE BY POSTING ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND
19 SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES APPROPRIATE. AT LEAST
20 1 MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE EACH YEAR SHALL BE HELD IN A RURAL
21 COMMUNITY. AT SUCH A MEETING, THE PUBLIC SHALL BE PROVIDED AN
22 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ROUNDTABLE ON ISSUES WITHIN ITS PURVIEW.
23 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A SUMMARY OF EACH MEETING OF THE
24 ROUNDTABLE INCLUDING A DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING
25 THE ROUNDTABLE MEETING. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE
26 FOLLOWING:

27 (A) POST THE SUMMARY ON ITS WEBSITE.

1 (B) PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SUMMARY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 ROUNDTABLE, TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTING A COPY, AND TO
3 THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 DEALING PRIMARILY WITH AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
7 enacted into law:

8 (a) Senate Bill No. 1168.

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10 (b) Senate Bill No. 1169.

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