

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil  
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section  
6 205-15 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 205/205-15) (was 20 ILCS 205/40.7 and 205/40.8)  
8 Sec. 205-15. Promotional activities.

9 (a) The Department has the power to encourage and promote,  
10 in every practicable manner, the interests of agriculture,  
11 including horticulture, the livestock industry, dairying,  
12 cheese making, poultry, bee keeping, forestry, the production  
13 of wool, and all other allied industries. In furtherance of the  
14 duties set forth in this Section, the Department may establish  
15 trust funds and bank accounts in adequately protected financial  
16 institutions to receive and disburse monies in connection with  
17 the conduct of food shows, food expositions, trade shows, and  
18 other promotional activities and to sell at cost, to qualified  
19 applicants, signs designating farms that have been owned for  
20 100 years or more, 150 years or more, or 200 years or more by  
21 lineal or collateral descendants of the same family as  
22 "Centennial Farms", "Sesquicentennial Farms", or "Bicentennial  
23 Farms" respectively. The Department shall provide applications

1 for the signs, which shall be submitted with the required fee.  
2 "Centennial Farms", "Sesquicentennial Farms", and  
3 "Bicentennial Farms" signs shall not contain within their  
4 design the name, picture, or other likeness of any elected  
5 public official or any appointed public official.

6 (b) The Department has the power to promote improved  
7 methods of conducting the several industries described in  
8 subsection (a) with a view to increasing the production and  
9 facilitating the distribution thereof at the least cost.

10 (c) The Department may sell at cost, to qualified  
11 applicants, signs designating an agribusiness that has been  
12 operated for 100 years or more or more than 150 years or more  
13 as the same agribusiness. As used in this subsection (c),  
14 "agribusiness" means a business or businesses under the same  
15 name or ownership that are collectively associated with the  
16 production, processing, or ~~and~~ distribution of agricultural  
17 products, or an organization that promotes the economic  
18 well-being and expansion of this State's agriculture industry.

19 The Department shall provide applications for the signs, which  
20 shall be submitted with the required fee.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-823, eff. 1-1-17; 99-824, eff. 8-16-16;  
22 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.