

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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

(20 ILCS 205/205-15) (was 20 ILCS 205/40.7 and 205/40.8)

Sec. 205-15. Promotional activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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