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HOUSE BILL No. 1398

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-15-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]:

4 **Chapter 12.5. Soybean Market Development**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana Soybean Alliance shall serve as the**
6 **Qualified State Soybean Board for the state of Indiana as provided**
7 **in 7 CFR 1220.228(a)(1) as long as the ISA collects assessments**
8 **under the:**

9 **(1) Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer**
10 **Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6301 through 7 U.S.C. 6311); and**
11 **(2) Soybean Promotion and Research Order (7 CFR 1220).**

12 **(b) The provisions of this chapter, other than subsection (a),**
13 **apply only if assessments are not levied and collected under the:**

14 **(1) Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer**
15 **Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6301 through 7 U.S.C. 6311); and**

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(2) Soybean Promotion and Research Order (7 CFR 1220); by the ISA as the Qualified State Soybean Board (as defined in 7 CFR 1220.122).

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), this chapter applies to all types, varieties, and forms of soybeans marketed or sold as soybeans by a producer in Indiana.

(d) Organic soybean farmers are exempt from this chapter if an organic soybean farmer:

(1) receives an exemption under the National Organic Program (NOP) described in 7 CFR 205; and

(2) operates under an NOP approved organic system plan.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "bushel" means sixty (60) pounds of soybeans by weight.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "Commodity Credit Corporation" refers to the corporation that administers and issues loans under a price support loan program in exchange for soybeans pledged as collateral.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "dean of agriculture" means the dean of agriculture at Purdue University.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the Indiana state department of agriculture established by IC 15-11-2-1.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "first purchase" means a sale of soybeans at the first point of delivery when the soybeans are:

(1) weighed;

(2) graded;

(3) titled; and

(4) transferred to the first purchaser.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "first purchaser" means a person who is engaged in Indiana in the business of buying or acquiring soybeans from a producer or the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "Indiana Soybean Alliance" or "ISA" refers to the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation incorporated in accordance with the laws of the state of Indiana on July 1, 1997.

Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "market development" means to:

(1) provide for the development of new or larger domestic and foreign markets for products derived from soybeans; and

(2) access federal government money available to the state to



1 **further the market development activities described in**
 2 **subdivision (1).**

3 **Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "marketing year" means the**
 4 **twelve (12) month period beginning October 1 and ending the**
 5 **following September 30.**

6 **Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "net market price" means the**
 7 **price paid per bushel of soybeans sold after moisture and quality**
 8 **discounts or premiums, but before any deductions for storage,**
 9 **handling, drying, inspection, or other services.**

10 **Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "person" means:**

- 11 **(1) an individual;**
- 12 **(2) a partnership;**
- 13 **(3) a limited liability company;**
- 14 **(4) a public or private corporation;**
- 15 **(5) a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);**
- 16 **(6) a cooperative;**
- 17 **(7) a society;**
- 18 **(8) an association; or**
- 19 **(9) a fiduciary.**

20 **Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "producer" means a person**
 21 **engaged in the business of producing and marketing soybeans in**
 22 **Indiana under:**

- 23 **(1) the producer's own name; or**
- 24 **(2) the name of an entity in which the producer has**
 25 **ownership.**

26 **Sec. 14. As used in this chapter, "program" means the Indiana**
 27 **soybean marketing program established under section 19 of this**
 28 **chapter.**

29 **Sec. 15. As used in this chapter, "promotion" means:**

- 30 **(1) communication directly with soybean producers,**
 31 **promoters, purchasers, consumers, and stakeholders;**
- 32 **(2) technical assistance; and**
- 33 **(3) trade marketing activities;**

34 **to enhance the marketing opportunities of soybeans and any**
 35 **product derived from soybeans in domestic and foreign markets.**

36 **Sec. 16. As used in this chapter, "research" means a study to**
 37 **advance the:**

- 38 **(1) marketability;**
- 39 **(2) production;**
- 40 **(3) product development;**
- 41 **(4) quality; or**
- 42 **(5) functional or nutritional value;**



1 **of soybeans and any product derived from soybeans, including
2 research activities designed to identify and analyze barriers to
3 domestic and foreign sales of soybeans.**

4 **Sec. 17. As used in this chapter, "sale" means:**

- 5 **(1) a conveyance of title to soybeans; or**
- 6 **(2) the pledge or other encumbrance of soybeans as security**
- 7 **for a loan extended by the Commodity Credit Corporation**
- 8 **under a federal price support loan program.**

9 **Sec. 18. As used in this chapter, "soybeans" includes all types,
10 varieties, and forms of soybeans grown in Indiana and marketed
11 and sold as soybeans by the producer.**

12 **Sec. 19. (a) If this chapter applies as described in section 1 of
13 this chapter, then the Indiana soybean marketing program is
14 established. The ISA shall administer the program as required by
15 this chapter.**

16 **(b) The ISA consists of twenty-six (26) voting and at least eight
17 (8) ex officio, nonvoting board members. The elected board
18 members from districts listed under section 22 of this chapter
19 must:**

- 20 **(1) be registered as voters in Indiana;**
- 21 **(2) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;**
- 22 **(3) be producers;**
- 23 **(4) have an assessment on soybeans under section 28 of this**
- 24 **chapter made during the previous two (2) years; and**
- 25 **(5) not have requested or received a refund of any**
- 26 **assessment during the previous two (2) years.**

27 **(c) Each elected board member of the ISA must reside in the
28 district identified in section 22 of this chapter from which the
29 board member is elected.**

30 **(d) The ISA shall elect a president, a vice president, a
31 secretary, treasurer, and other officers the ISA considers
32 necessary.**

33 **(e) A majority of the voting board members of the ISA
34 constitutes a quorum. The affirmative votes of at least a majority
35 of the quorum, and at least fourteen (14) affirmative votes, are
36 required for the ISA to act.**

37 **(f) The ISA shall meet at least three (3) times in each
38 marketing year at the call of the president or at the request of
39 two-thirds (2/3) of the board members of the ISA.**

40 **(g) Each board member of the ISA who is not a state employee
41 or a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement
42 for mileage, travel expenses, and other expenses actually incurred**



1 **in connection with the board member's duties in accordance with**
 2 **the ISA's travel policy. Except as provided in section 22 of this**
 3 **chapter, ISA board members are not entitled to a salary or per**
 4 **diem. Reimbursement under this subsection shall be paid from**
 5 **funds of the ISA.**

6 **(h) Each board member of the ISA who is a state employee is**
 7 **entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 8 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 9 **with the board member's duties as provided in the state policies**
 10 **and procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 11 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
 12 **Reimbursement under this subsection shall be paid from**
 13 **appropriations made to the department.**

14 **Sec. 20. (a) The term of office of an elected or appointed ISA**
 15 **board member is three (3) years. A board member's term of office**
 16 **expires at the board meeting after the final marketing year in the**
 17 **term. However, a board member continues in office until a**
 18 **successor who meets the qualifications set forth in section 19 of this**
 19 **chapter is elected or appointed.**

20 **(b) An elected or appointed ISA board member may not hold**
 21 **office for more than three (3) full terms.**

22 **(c) Whenever an elected board member's office under section**
 23 **22(a) of this chapter becomes vacant before the expiration of the**
 24 **board member's term of office, the ISA shall fill the vacancy by**
 25 **appointing a replacement member who meets the qualifications set**
 26 **forth in section 19 of this chapter. The appointee shall serve for the**
 27 **remainder of the unexpired term.**

28 **(d) Whenever the office of a board member appointed under**
 29 **section 22(b), 22(c), 22(d), or 22(e) of this chapter becomes vacant,**
 30 **the appointing authority who appointed the board member shall**
 31 **fill the vacancy. An appointee under this subsection shall serve for**
 32 **the remainder of the unexpired term.**

33 **Sec. 21. (a) When necessary, the ISA may appoint individuals**
 34 **who hold offices of importance to the soybean industry or have**
 35 **special expertise concerning the soybean industry to participate in**
 36 **the work of the ISA. These individuals may not participate in votes**
 37 **taken by the ISA but are eligible for reimbursement for traveling**
 38 **expenses in the same manner as ISA board members under section**
 39 **19(g) of this chapter.**

40 **(b) A person appointed under this section serves a term of one**
 41 **(1) year but may be reappointed for additional terms.**

42 **Sec. 22. (a) Six (6) ISA board members shall be elected from**



1 **each of the following districts:**

2 **DISTRICT 1.** The counties of Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton,
 3 Elkhart, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte,
 4 Marshall, Miami, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph,
 5 Starke, Tipton, Wabash, and White.

6 **DISTRICT 2.** The counties of Adams, Allen, Blackford,
 7 DeKalb, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Huntington, Jay,
 8 LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wayne,
 9 Wells, and Whitley.

10 **DISTRICT 3.** The counties of Clay, Daviess, Dubois,
 11 Fountain, Gibson, Greene, Knox, Martin, Montgomery,
 12 Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Spencer, Sullivan,
 13 Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren, and
 14 Warrick.

15 **DISTRICT 4.** The counties of Bartholomew, Boone, Brown,
 16 Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd,
 17 Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Jackson,
 18 Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Monroe,
 19 Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby,
 20 Switzerland, Union, and Washington.

21 (b) The dean of agriculture shall appoint one (1) representative
 22 of the largest general farm organization in Indiana, who must be
 23 a producer, to serve as a board member of the ISA.

24 (c) The dean of agriculture shall appoint one (1) representative
 25 of any agricultural membership organization in Indiana, who must
 26 be a producer, to serve as a board member of the ISA. The
 27 representative appointed in accordance with this subsection must
 28 represent a different organization than the representative
 29 appointed in accordance with subsection (b).

30 (d) The director shall appoint two (2) representatives of first
 31 purchaser organizations to serve as nonvoting ISA board members.

32 (e) Four (4) board members serve on the ISA, to be appointed
 33 as nonvoting board members as follows:

34 (1) One (1) board member appointed by the president pro
 35 tempore of the senate.

36 (2) One (1) board member appointed by the minority leader
 37 of the senate.

38 (3) One (1) board member appointed by the speaker of the
 39 house of representatives.

40 (4) One (1) board member appointed by the minority leader
 41 of the house of representatives.

42 The board members appointed under this subsection are ex officio



1 **nonvoting board members of the ISA. The members of the senate**
 2 **must be of different political parties. The members of the house of**
 3 **representatives must be of different political parties. Each ex**
 4 **officio board member of the ISA who is a member of the general**
 5 **assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and**
 6 **travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study**
 7 **committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,**
 8 **mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be**
 9 **paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the**
 10 **legislative services agency.**

11 (f) The dean of agriculture or the dean's designee shall serve
 12 as an ex officio, nonvoting ISA board member.

13 (g) The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee
 14 shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting ISA board member.

15 Sec. 23. (a) An election of an ISA board member shall be held
 16 in a district in the year in which the term of the district's ISA
 17 board member is to expire.

18 (b) The ISA shall provide notice to producers of the district of
 19 the impending election by:

- 20 (1) publishing one (1) or more notices in a statewide
 21 agricultural publication; and
- 22 (2) making information available to the news media in the
 23 district;

24 four (4) months before the day of the election.

25 Sec. 24. (a) The ballot for the election of a district ISA board
 26 member must include the name of each producer who:

- 27 (1) meets the qualifications set forth in section 19 of this
 28 chapter; and
- 29 (2) files with the ISA a petition in support of candidacy
 30 signed by ten (10) other producers who reside in the district.

31 (b) The ISA shall provide petition forms upon request and
 32 shall make petition forms available via the ISA's website. All
 33 names on the ballot must be listed in alphabetical order based on
 34 the producer's surname.

35 (c) The ISA shall allow a producer to request a ballot through
 36 the ISA's website.

37 (d) Each ballot submitted by a producer must contain an
 38 attestation that the person is an eligible producer.

39 Sec. 25. The director shall appoint a third party person that
 40 shall count all ballots and conduct other activities expressly
 41 delegated to it by the director.

42 Sec. 26. The election of an ISA board member must be



1 **conducted by the ISA in a manner designated by the ISA and set**
 2 **forth in the notices required under section 23 of this chapter. The**
 3 **winner of an election takes office at the first meeting after the end**
 4 **of the marketing year.**

5 **Sec. 27. The ISA shall do the following:**

6 **(1) Employ personnel and contract for services that are**
 7 **necessary for the proper implementation of this chapter.**

8 **(2) Bond the ISA treasurer and such other persons as**
 9 **necessary to ensure adequate protection of funds received**
 10 **and administered by the ISA.**

11 **(3) Authorize the expenditure of funds and the contracting of**
 12 **expenditures to conduct proper activities under this chapter.**

13 **(4) Annually establish priorities and prepare and approve a**
 14 **budget consistent with the estimated resources of the ISA**
 15 **and the scope of this chapter.**

16 **(5) Annually provide:**

17 **(A) an activities report to the legislative council in an**
 18 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6; and**

19 **(B) an independent audit report to the state board of**
 20 **accounts.**

21 **(6) Procure and evaluate data and information necessary for**
 22 **the proper implementation of this chapter.**

23 **(7) Formulate and execute assessment procedures and**
 24 **methods of collection.**

25 **(8) Receive and investigate complaints and violations of this**
 26 **chapter.**

27 **(9) Take necessary enforcement action against individuals**
 28 **who violate this chapter.**

29 **(10) Maintain bylaws and operating procedures governing**
 30 **operations of the ISA and the administration of funds**
 31 **collected under this chapter.**

32 **(11) Keep accurate accounts of all receipts and**
 33 **disbursements of funds handled by the ISA and have the**
 34 **receipts and disbursements audited annually by a certified**
 35 **public accountant.**

36 **(12) Take any other action necessary for the proper**
 37 **implementation of this chapter.**

38 **(13) Comply with the requirements under IC 5-14-1.5.**

39 **Sec. 28. (a) First purchasers shall collect an assessment equal**
 40 **to one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the net market price on all**
 41 **soybeans sold in Indiana and remit to the ISA all assessments**
 42 **collected under this section in the manner prescribed by subsection**



1 (f).

(b) The first purchaser may only impose and collect an assessment on a quantity of soybeans once.

11 (1) January, February, and March.

12 (2) April, May, and June.

13 (3) July, August, and September.

14 (4) October, November, and December.

24 Sec. 29. (a) The ISA shall pay all expenses incurred under this
25 chapter with money from the assessments remitted to the ISA
26 under this chapter.

27 (b) The ISA may invest all money the ISA receives under this
28 chapter, including gifts or grants that are given for the express
29 purpose of implementing this chapter, in the same way allowed by
30 law for public funds.

34 (d) The ISA may not use money received, collected, or accrued
35 under this chapter for any purpose other than the purposes
36 authorized by this chapter. The amount of money expended on
37 administering this chapter in the ISA's fiscal year may not exceed
38 ten percent (10%) of the average amount of assessments, grants,
39 and gifts received by the ISA as calculated under subsection (e).

STEP ONE: Determine the amount of assessments, grants,

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1 and gifts received by the ISA in each of the preceding five (5)
 2 fiscal years beginning with the immediately preceding fiscal
 3 year.

4 **STEP TWO:** Determine the average annual amount of
 5 assessments, grants, and gifts received by the ISA in each
 6 fiscal year using three (3) of the five (5) fiscal years described
 7 in **STEP ONE** after excluding the two (2) years in which the
 8 amount of assessments, grants, and gifts received by the ISA
 9 were the highest and lowest totals.

10 **STEP THREE:** Divide the amount in **STEP TWO** by ten
 11 (10).

12 The amount in **STEP THREE** is the maximum amount that the ISA
 13 may expend on administering this chapter for the current fiscal
 14 year.

15 (f) When the board members of the ISA evaluate and approve
 16 expenditures, ISA board members shall:

17 (1) emphasize programs that create opportunities and value
 18 for Indiana soybean farmers and their operations; and

19 (2) prioritize collaborative projects with universities, states,
 20 and organizations that have:

21 (A) a regional;

22 (B) a national; or

23 (C) an international;

24 impact.

25 (g) The ISA shall use at least fifty percent (50%) of the funds
 26 collected from the assessment under subsection (a) for approved
 27 expenditures that meet the criteria set forth in subsection (f)(2).

28 Sec. 30. (a) Assessments collected by the ISA under the
 29 program are subject to refund requests by a producer if the
 30 producer requests a refund pursuant to the procedure established
 31 by the ISA.

32 (b) A producer's application for a refund under this section
 33 must be made to the ISA not more than one hundred eighty (180)
 34 days after the state assessment is deducted from the sale price of
 35 the producer's soybeans.

36 (c) If a refund is due under this section, the ISA shall remit the
 37 refund to the producer not later than thirty (30) days after the date
 38 the producer's completed application and proof of assessment are
 39 received.

40 Sec. 31. (a) A first purchaser shall keep detailed records of all
 41 assessments collected and remitted under this chapter for at least
 42 three (3) years.



(b) Upon request, a first purchaser shall supply the ISA with any information from records kept under subsection (a).

(c) The ISA may periodically audit a first purchaser's checkoff assessment and remittance records kept under subsection (a). An audit must be conducted by:

(1) a qualified public accountant of the ISA's choosing; or
(2) an auditor who is familiar with the:

- (A) storage;**
- (B) conditioning;**
- (C) shipping; and**
- (D) handling;**

of agricultural commodities.

The costs of the audit shall be paid by the ISA.

Sec. 32. (a) If a first purchaser fails to remit the assessments collected during a period specified in section 28 of this chapter within thirty (30) days after the end of the period, the ISA shall contact the first purchaser and allow the first purchaser to present comments to the ISA concerning:

(1) the status and amount of the assessments due; and
(2) reasons why the ISA should not bring legal action against the first purchaser.

(b) After allowing a first purchaser the opportunity to present comments, the ISA:

- (1) may adjust the amount of the assessments due, if the first purchaser's comments reveal that the ISA's figure is inaccurate;
- (2) may assess a penalty against the first purchaser;
- (3) shall:

(A) assess a fee for an unpaid assessment due the ISA, from a person responsible for remitting assessments, at the rate of two percent (2%) of the amount of the unpaid assessment each month, beginning with the day following the date the assessment is due under this subsection; and

(B) if there is any remaining amount due after the assessment of the fee under clause (A), assess a fee at the same rate on the corresponding day of each month thereafter until the entire amount of the unpaid assessment is paid:

(4) shall compute the amounts payable on unpaid assessments under this section monthly and include any unpaid late charges previously applied under this section;

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7 (1) collect assessments; or

15 (1) receives an exemption under the National Organic
16 Program (NOP) described in 7 CFR 205; and
17 (2) operates under an NOP approved organic system plan.

18 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "board of directors" refers to
19 the governing body of the program.

20 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "first purchaser" refers to the
21 following:

- (1) A person that buys or is engaged in the business of receiving a porcine animal as a commission merchant.
- (2) A person that buys or is engaged in the business of receiving a porcine animal at an auction market.
- (3) A person that buys or is engaged in the business of receiving a porcine animal at a livestock market.
- (4) A producer that raises a porcine animal, slaughters the porcine animal, and sells the pork.
- (5) A person in the business of purchasing a porcine animal on behalf of a producer.

32 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "Indiana Pork Advocacy
33 Coalition" or "INPAC" refers to the Indiana Pork Advocacy
34 Coalition, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation organized under
35 the laws of the State of Indiana on October 12, 2001.

36 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "IPPA" refers to the Indiana**
37 **Pork Producers Association, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit corporation**
38 **incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana on February**
39 **13, 1952.**

40 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "Indiana Soybean Alliance"
41 refers to the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Inc., an Indiana nonprofit
42 corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana on



1 **July 1, 1997.**

2 **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "INPAC director" means the**

3 **executive director of INPAC.**

4 **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "market" means to advertise:**

- 5 **(1) the sale;**
- 6 **(2) the slaughter for sale; or**
- 7 **(3) any other method of disposal;**

8 **of a porcine animal in commerce.**

9 **Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "market value" refers to the**

10 **following:**

11 **(1) If a porcine animal is slaughtered for sale by a producer,**

12 **the most recent annual seven-market average for barrows**

13 **and gilts, as published by the USDA.**

14 **(2) If a porcine animal is imported, the declared value.**

15 **(3) If a pork product is imported, an amount that represents**

16 **the value of the live porcine animal from that the pork**

17 **product was derived, based on the most recent annual**

18 **seven-market average for barrows and gilts, as published by**

19 **the USDA.**

20 **Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "National Pork Board" refers**

21 **to the National Pork Board as established by 7 U.S.C. 4808.**

22 **Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "National Pork Producers**

23 **Council" refers to the National Pork Producers Council, organized**

24 **under the laws of the State of Iowa on March 28, 1968.**

25 **Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "person" means:**

- 26 **(1) an individual;**
- 27 **(2) a partnership;**
- 28 **(3) a limited liability company;**
- 29 **(4) a public or private corporation;**
- 30 **(5) a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13);**
- 31 **(6) a cooperative;**
- 32 **(7) a society;**
- 33 **(8) an association; or**
- 34 **(9) a fiduciary.**

35 **Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "porcine animal" means a**

36 **swine that is raised as a:**

- 37 **(1) feeder pig that is a young pig sold to another person to be**

38 **finished for slaughtering over a period of more than one (1)**

39 **month;**

- 40 **(2) seedstock pig for breeding purposes and included in the**

41 **breeding herd; or**
- 42 **(3) market hog, slaughtered by the producer or sold to be**



slaughtered, usually within one (1) month of the transfer.

Sec. 14. As used in this chapter, "pork" means the flesh of a porcine animal.

Sec. 15. As used in this chapter, "pork product" means an edible product:

- (1) produced; or
- (2) processed;

in whole or in part from pork.

Sec. 16. As used in this chapter, "producer" means a person engaged in the business of farming and marketing hogs in Indiana under:

- (1) the producer's own name; or
- (2) the name of an entity in which the producer has ownership.

Sec. 17. As used in this chapter, "program" means the Indiana pork marketing program.

Sec. 18. As used in this chapter, "promotion" means:

- (1) communication directly with pork producers, promoters, purchasers, consumers, and stakeholders;**
- (2) technical assistance; and**
- (3) trade marketing activities;**

to enhance the marketing opportunities of pork and any product containing pork in domestic and foreign markets and increase access to federal government money available for Indiana pork producers.

Sec. 19. As used in this chapter, "purchase" means a sale of pork at the first point of delivery when the pork is:

- (1) weighed;
- (2) graded;
- (3) titled; and
- (4) transferred to the purchaser.

Sec. 20. As used in this chapter, "research" means a study to advance the:

- (1) marketability;
- (2) production;
- (3) product development;
- (4) quality; or
- (5) functional or nutritional value;

of pork and any product derived from pork, including research activities designed to identify and analyze barriers to domestic and foreign sales of pork.

Sec. 21. As used in this chapter, "USDA" means the United

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1 States Department of Agriculture.

2 Sec. 22. As used in this chapter, "voting members" means the
3 voting members of the IPPA.

4 Sec. 23. (a) The Indiana pork marketing program is
5 established. The IPPA shall administer the program.

15 date of the member's election.
16 (D) Each may not serve more than three (3) consecutive
17 terms.

20 (A) Each elected by the voting members of the IPPA.
21 (B) Each of which represents an industry reasonably
22 affiliated with the pork industry.

22 affiliated with the pork industry.

23 (C) Each may serve for a term of two (2) years from the

24 date of the member's election.

25 (D) Each may not serve more than three (3) consecutive

(3) The director of the National Park Board, who serves as

(3) The director of the National Pork Board, who serves as an ex officio member.

(4) The director of the National Pork Producers Council, who serves as an ex officio member.

30 who serves as an ex officio member.
31 (5) One (1) member of the board of directors of the IPPA
32 appointed by the dean of agriculture at Purdue University,
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33 whose term expires if the dean appoints a replacement.
34 (6) One (1) member of the board of directors of the IPPA
35 appointed by the director of INPAC, whose term expires if

36 the INPAC director appoints a replacement.
37 (7) One (1) member who is the preceding president of the
38 IPPA, whose term as a member of the board of directors

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1 **Indiana Soybean Alliance, whose term as a member of the**
 2 **board of directors expires if the chief executive officer of the**
 3 **Indiana Soybean Alliance appoints a replacement.**

4 **(c) In addition to the requirements under subsection (b), a**
 5 **member of the board of directors must meet the following criteria:**

- 6 **(1) Be a registered voter in Indiana.**
- 7 **(2) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.**
- 8 **(3) Be a producer.**

9 **(d) The IPPA shall elect a president, vice president, secretary,**
 10 **treasurer, and any other officers deemed necessary by the board**
 11 **of directors.**

12 **(e) One-third (1/3) of the members of the board of directors**
 13 **constitutes a quorum. An affirmative vote of at least a majority of**
 14 **the quorum is required for the board of directors to act.**

15 **(f) The board of directors shall meet at least three (3) times in**
 16 **each calendar year:**

- 17 **(1) at the call of the president; or**
- 18 **(2) at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the**
 19 **board of directors.**

20 **(g) Each member of the board of directors who is not a state**
 21 **employee or a member of the general assembly is entitled to**
 22 **reimbursement for mileage, travel expenses, and other expenses**
 23 **actually incurred in connection with the board member's duties in**
 24 **accordance with the IPPA's travel policy. Except as provided**
 25 **subsection (h) of this chapter, the members of the board of**
 26 **directors are not entitled to a salary or per diem as consideration**
 27 **for their service as a member of the board of directors.**
 28 **Reimbursements under this subsection must be paid from funds of**
 29 **the IPPA.**

30 **(h) Each member of the board of directors who is a state**
 31 **employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as**
 32 **provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred**
 33 **in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state**
 34 **policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 35 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
 36 **Reimbursements under this subsection must be paid from**
 37 **appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative**
 38 **services agency.**

39 **(i) A board member continues in office until a successor who**
 40 **meets the applicable qualifications set forth in subsection (b) is**
 41 **elected or appointed.**

42 **(j) If a vacancy occurs on the board of directors, the**



1 appointing authority that appointed the member whose position is
 2 vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

3 (k) The members of the board of directors must be elected by
 4 a majority vote of the voting members of IPPA at the annual
 5 meeting.

6 Sec. 24. (a) When necessary, the IPPA may appoint an
 7 individual who:

8 (1) holds an office of importance to the pork industry; or

9 (2) has special expertise concerning the pork industry;

10 to participate in the work of the IPPA.

11 (b) An individual appointed under subsection (a) may not
 12 participate in votes taken by the IPPA. However, the appointed
 13 individual is eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses in the
 14 same manner as IPPA's board members under section 23(g) of this
 15 chapter.

16 (c) An individual appointed under this section serves a term of
 17 one (1) year but may be reappointed for additional terms.

18 Sec. 25. The IPPA shall do the following:

19 (1) Employ personnel and contract for services that are
 20 necessary for the proper implementation of this chapter.

21 (2) Bond the IPPA treasurer and any other person as
 22 necessary to ensure adequate protection of funds received
 23 and administered by the IPPA.

24 (3) Authorize the expenditure of funds and the contracting of
 25 expenditures to conduct proper activities under this chapter.

26 (4) Annually establish priorities and prepare and approve a
 27 budget consistent with the estimated resources of the IPPA
 28 and the scope of this chapter.

29 (5) Annually provide:

30 (A) an activities report to the legislative council in an
 31 electronic format under IC 5-14-6; and

32 (B) an independent audit report to the state board of
 33 accounts.

34 (6) Procure and evaluate data and information necessary for
 35 the proper implementation of this chapter.

36 (7) Formulate and execute assessment procedures and
 37 methods of collection.

38 (8) Receive and investigate complaints and violations of this
 39 chapter.

40 (9) Take necessary enforcement action against an individual
 41 who violates this chapter.

42 (10) Maintain bylaws and operating procedures governing



1 **operations of the IPPA and the administration of funds**
 2 **collected under this chapter.**

3 **(11) Keep accurate accounts of all receipts and**
 4 **disbursements of funds handled by the IPPA and have the**
 5 **receipts and disbursements audited annually by a certified**
 6 **public accountant.**

7 **(12) Take any other action necessary to properly implement**
 8 **this chapter.**

9 **(13) Comply with the requirements under IC 5-14-1.5.**

10 **Sec. 26. (a) A producer operating in Indiana that does any of**
 11 **the following shall pay an assessment:**

12 **(1) Raises and sells a porcine animal as a feeder pig.**

13 **(2) Raises and sells a porcine animal for slaughter.**

14 **(3) Raises a porcine animal, slaughters the porcine animal,**
 15 **and sells the pork.**

16 **(4) Raises a porcine animal for breeding stock.**

17 **(b) A producer is exempt from paying an assessment on an**
 18 **animal if the producer demonstrates to the IPPA board of**
 19 **directors through appropriate documentation that an assessment**
 20 **was previously paid on the animal in question.**

21 **Sec. 27. (a) The first purchaser shall collect an assessment**
 22 **equal to thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of**
 23 **market value.**

24 **(b) The first purchaser may only impose and collect an**
 25 **assessment on a porcine animal or a pork product once.**

26 **(c) Only the general assembly may change the rate of the**
 27 **assessment imposed by this section.**

28 **(d) The first purchaser of a porcine animal or a pork product**
 29 **shall deduct the assessment on the porcine animal or pork product**
 30 **from the money to be paid to the producer or importer based on**
 31 **the sale of the porcine animal or pork product. A first purchaser**
 32 **shall accumulate assessments collected under this section**
 33 **throughout each of the following periods:**

34 **(1) January, February, and March.**

35 **(2) April, May, and June.**

36 **(3) July, August, and September.**

37 **(4) October, November, and December.**

38 **(e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the end of each period,**
 39 **the first purchaser shall remit to the IPPA all assessments collected**
 40 **during the period in a manner prescribed by the IPPA.**

41 **(f) The assessment on the sale of the porcine animal or pork**
 42 **product must occur at the time of first purchase as the payment for**



1 **the porcine animal or pork product is received by the producer or**
 2 **importer.**

3 **Sec. 28. (a) The IPPA shall pay all expenses incurred under**
 4 **this chapter with money from the assessments remitted to the IPPA**
 5 **under this chapter.**

6 **(b) The IPPA may invest all money the IPPA receives under**
 7 **this chapter, including gifts or grants that are given for the express**
 8 **purpose of implementing this chapter, in the same way allowed by**
 9 **law for public funds.**

10 **(c) The IPPA may expend money from assessments and from**
 11 **investment income not needed for expenses for promotion and**
 12 **research.**

13 **(d) The IPPA may not use money received, collected, or**
 14 **accrued under this chapter for any purpose other than the**
 15 **purposes authorized by this chapter. The amount of money**
 16 **expended on administering this chapter in the IPPA's fiscal year**
 17 **may not exceed an amount deemed reasonable by the IPPA to**
 18 **enable it to exercise its powers and perform its duties in**
 19 **accordance with this chapter, including the financing of certain**
 20 **plans and projects.**

21 **Sec. 29. (a) Assessments collected by the IPPA under the**
 22 **program are subject to refund requests by a producer if the**
 23 **producer requests a refund under the procedure established by the**
 24 **IPPA.**

25 **(b) A producer's application for a refund under this section**
 26 **must be made to the IPPA not more than one hundred eighty (180)**
 27 **days after the assessment is deducted from the market value of the**
 28 **porcine animal or pork product.**

29 **(c) If a refund is due under this section, the IPPA shall remit**
 30 **the refund to the producer not later than thirty (30) days after the**
 31 **date the producer's completed application and proof of assessment**
 32 **are received.**

33 **Sec. 30. (a) A first purchaser shall keep detailed records of all**
 34 **assessments collected and remitted under this chapter for at least**
 35 **three (3) years.**

36 **(b) Upon request, a first purchaser shall supply the IPPA with**
 37 **any information from records kept under subsection (a).**

38 **(c) The IPPA may periodically audit a first purchaser's**
 39 **checkoff assessment and remittance records kept under subsection**
 40 **(a). An audit must be conducted by:**

41 **(1) a certified public accountant of the IPPA's choosing; or**
 42 **(2) an auditor who is familiar with the:**



- (A) storage;
- (B) conditioning;
- (C) shipping; and
- (D) handling;

of agricultural commodities. The costs of the audit shall be paid by the IPPA.

Sec. 31. (a) If a first purchaser fails to remit the assessments collected during a period specified in section 29 of this chapter not more than thirty (30) days after the end of the period, the IPPA shall contact the first purchaser and allow the first purchaser to present comments to the IPPA concerning:

(1) the status and amount of the assessments due; and
(2) reasons why the IPPA should not bring legal action against the first purchaser.

(b) After allowing a first purchaser the opportunity to present comments, the IPPA:

- (1) may adjust the amount of the assessments due, if the first purchaser's comments reveal that the IPPA's figure is inaccurate;
- (2) may assess a penalty against the first purchaser;
- (3) shall:

(A) assess a fee for an unpaid assessment due to the IPPA from a person responsible for remitting assessments at the rate of two percent (2%) of the amount of the unpaid assessment each month, beginning with the day following the date the assessment is due under this subsection; and

(B) if there is any remaining amount due after the assessment of the fee under clause (A), assess a fee at the same rate on the corresponding day of each month thereafter until the entire amount of the unpaid assessment is paid;

(4) shall compute the amounts payable on unpaid assessments under this section monthly and include any unpaid late charges previously applied under this section; and

(5) shall determine the date of a payment for purposes of this subsection by the postmark applied to the remitting envelope or date Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer is originated.

(c) If a first purchaser fails to remit assessments after being allowed to present comments under subsection (a) or to pay any

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1 **penalty assessed under subsection (b), the IPPA may bring a civil
2 action against the first purchaser in a circuit, superior, or
3 municipal court of any county. The action must be tried and a
4 judgment rendered as in any other proceeding for the collection of
5 a debt. In an action under this subsection, the IPPA may obtain:**

- 6 **(1) a judgment in the amount of all unremitted assessments
7 and any unpaid penalty; and
8 (2) an award of the costs of bringing the action.**

9 **Sec. 32. (a) The IPPA may not use proceeds of the assessment
10 collected under this chapter to influence legislation or
11 governmental action or policy.**

12 **(b) The IPPA may not use proceeds of the assessment collected
13 under this chapter to communicate information related to the:**

- 14 **(1) conduct;**
- 15 **(2) implementation; or**
- 16 **(3) results;**

17 **of promotion and research activities to appropriate government
18 officials.**

19 **Sec. 33. (a) If a person fails to discharge a duty imposed by this
20 chapter other than remitted assessments, the IPPA shall allow the
21 person an opportunity to present comments to the IPPA
22 concerning reasons why the IPPA should not bring legal action
23 against the person.**

24 **(b) If it is necessary to obtain compliance with this chapter, the
25 IPPA may bring an action against the person in a circuit, superior,
26 or municipal court of any county seeking an injunction mandating
27 compliance and any other appropriate legal remedies.**

28 **(c) In an action under this section, the IPPA may be granted
29 injunctive relief without establishing the absence of an adequate
30 remedy at law.**

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