

HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE STATE'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY THAT FARMERS, PRODUCERS, AND GROWERS COMMERCIALY PRODUCING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES BE PERMITTED BY REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AMONG THE RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO LEVY UPON THEMSELVES AN ASSESSMENT ON THE RESPECTIVE COMMODITIES OR UPON THE ACREAGE USED IN THEIR PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENTS ARE FOR THE FINANCING, OR TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE FINANCING, OF A PROGRAM OF ADVERTISING AND OTHER METHODS DESIGNED TO INCREASE CONSUMPTION AND DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MARKETS FOR ANY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY. THE ASSESSMENTS ALSO MAY BE USED FOR THE FINANCING, OR TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE FINANCING, OF A PROGRAM OF PRODUCTION, USE, AND SALE OF ANY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears as Art. 66C, §83A of the Code. Subsection (b) presently appears as Art. 66C, §83B of the Code. Subsection (c) presently appears as Art. 66C, §83D of the Code. In the first two sentences new language is added to refer to "agricultural commodities", as defined in §10-101(k). The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 10-103. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOT DEEMED ILLEGAL OR IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

NO ASSOCIATION, MEETING, OR ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN IN PURSUANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND INTENDED TO BENEFIT ALL OF THE PRODUCERS, HANDLERS, AND PROCESSORS OF A PARTICULAR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY SHALL BE DEEMED ILLEGAL OR IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 66C, §83C of the Code. New language is added to maintain consistency with the definition of "agricultural commodity", as defined in §10-101(b). The only changes made are in style.

SEC. 10-104. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION.

(A) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL.

ANY ASSOCIATION, COUNCIL, BOARD, OR OTHER AGENCY FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PERSONS QUALIFYING AS VOTERS MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR CERTIFICATION AND