

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 ~~subsection (a)~~, the Department
15 may establish trust funds and bank accounts in adequately
16 protected financial institutions to receive and disburse
17 monies in connection with the conduct of food shows, food
18 expositions, trade shows, and other promotional activities and
19 to sell at cost, to qualified applicants, signs designating
20 farms that have been owned for 100 years or more or 150 years
21 or more by lineal or collateral descendants of the same family
22 as "Centennial Farms" or "Sesquicentennial Farms",
23 respectively. The Department shall provide applications for

1 the signs, which shall be submitted with the required fee.
2 "Centennial Farms" and "Sesquicentennial Farms" signs shall
3 not contain within their design the name, picture, or other
4 likeness of any elected public official or any appointed public
5 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, and distribution of agricultural
17 products. The Department shall provide applications for the
18 signs, which shall be submitted with the required fee.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-598, eff. 1-1-99; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-717,
20 eff. 6-2-00.)