

LEGISLATIVE BILL 201

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1973

Introduced by Kime, 43

AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for the appointment of special investigators and their powers and duties; to provide an exception from the marking requirements of motor vehicles; to amend section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 60-1001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 60-1001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, be amended to read as follows:

60-1001. All motor vehicles acquired by the State of Nebraska except motor vehicles used or controlled by the Nebraska State Patrol or by the State Railway Public Service Commission, the Game and Parks Commission, deputy state sheriffs employed by the Nebraska Brand Committee and State Fire Marshal for state law enforcement purposes, inspectors employed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and persons employed by the Tax Commissioner for state revenue enforcement purposes, the exemption for state law enforcement purposes and state revenue enforcement purposes being confined strictly to the seven agencies specifically named, and also except such motor vehicles as are used or controlled by the Department of Public Institutions for the purpose of apprehending and returning escaped offenders or parole violators to facilities in the Division of Corrections, and transporting offenders and personnel of the Division of Corrections and patients and personnel of the Division of Medical Services who are engaged in off-campus program activities, and also except such motor vehicles as are used or controlled by the military department, and also except such motor vehicles as are used or controlled by vocational rehabilitation counselors and the Department of Health for the purpose of communicable disease control or for the prevention and control of those communicable diseases which endanger the public health, and also except such motor vehicles as are used or controlled by the Department of Agriculture for special investigative purposes, shall be indelibly and conspicuously lettered on each side thereof, in plain

letters of a contrasting color or reflective material not less than two inches in height and with not less than one-fourth inch stroke, with the words State of Nebraska, and following such words the name of whatever board, department, bureau, division, institution, including the University of Nebraska or state college, office, or other state expending agency of the state to which such motor vehicle belongs and on the back thereof indelibly and conspicuously lettered the words State of Nebraska in plain letters of a contrasting color or reflective material not less than two inches in height and with not less than one-fourth inch stroke.

Sec. 2. That section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

81-201. The Department of Agriculture shall have power (1) to encourage and promote, in every practicable manner, the interest of agriculture, including horticulture, the livestock industry, dairying, cheesemaking, poultry, beekeeping, the production of wool, and all other allied industries; (2) to promote methods of conducting these several industries with a view to increasing the production and facilitating the distribution thereof at the least cost; (3) to collect and publish statistics relating to crop production, marketing and farm economics, the production and marketing of beef, pork, poultry, mutton, wool, butter, cheese and other agricultural products, so far as such statistical information may be of value to the agricultural and allied interests of the state; to cooperate with the federal government in the matter of collecting such statistical information, and the department shall include in its publications the reports of agricultural, horticultural and like societies, and of livestock associations, which published statistics shall be the official agricultural statistics of the state; (4) to encourage the planting of trees and shrubs and the improvement of farm homes generally; (5) to produce and manufacture biological products to be distributed to livestock producers at the actual cost thereof; (6) to inquire into the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases among domestic animals, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same; (7) to see that livestock and stockyards, and other like places where livestock is confined, housed or fed, are properly cared for; and (8) to execute and enforce all laws relating to the inspection of foods, drugs, dairy products, vegetable oils, commission merchants, cider and vinegar, oleomargarine and butterine, sanitation of premises used for manufacturing and preparation of foods, cold storage warehouses, seeds, commercial feeding

stuffs, livestock remedies, hotels and inns, weights and measures, commercial fertilizers, and other matters within its jurisdiction, and to adopt necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of such laws; and (9) to employ special investigators who shall be appointed deputy state sheriffs by the Governor, and who shall, upon qualifying for such office, possess all the powers which attach to such office, except that their powers and duties shall be restricted to the enforcement of the animal disease control laws of the State of Nebraska within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

Sec. 3. That original section 81-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 60-1001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.