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Chapter 12. Indiana Grown Initiative

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"Commission"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana grown commission established by section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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"Program"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Indiana grown initiative program established by section 8 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Commission established

Sec. 3. The Indiana grown commission is established.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Members; terms

Sec. 4. (a) The commission consists of the following members:

- (1) The director or the director's designee, as an ex officio member, who serves as chairperson of the commission.
- (2) Two (2) members who represent an organization or association that represents the agriculture industry and growers of Indiana produced agricultural products, with one (1) of the members representing the state's largest general farming organization.
- (3) Two (2) members who represent an organization or association that represents restaurants that sell Indiana produced agricultural products.
- (4) Two (2) members who represent an organization or association that represents retailers that sell Indiana produced agricultural products.
- (5) Two (2) members who represent farmers' markets that sell Indiana produced agricultural products. The members may not be producers of agricultural products.
- (6) Two (2) members who have expertise in marketing, promotions, or agritourism.
- (7) The dean of the college of agriculture of Purdue University or the dean's designee, as an ex officio member.

The secretary shall appoint the members under subdivisions (2) through (6).

(b) The term of a member appointed under subsection (a)(2) through (a)(6) is three (3) years. The secretary may stagger the initial terms of the members under this subsection.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Meetings

Sec. 5. The commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chairperson.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Quorum

Sec. 6. Seven (7) voting members of the commission constitute a quorum.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Reimbursement of members

Sec. 7. (a) A member of the commission is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). However, a member is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Expenses under this section shall be paid from money in the Indiana grown initiative fund established by section 9(a) of this chapter. However, if there is insufficient money in the fund to pay the expenses, the department shall reimburse the expenses from funds appropriated to the department.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Program established; administration; fees; rules; commission responsibilities

Sec. 8. (a) The Indiana grown initiative program is established to market and promote Indiana produced agricultural products to Indiana residents, restaurants, grocery stores, farmers' markets, wholesalers, processors, and other retail businesses.

(b) The department shall develop, administer, market, and promote the program.

(c) The department may establish fees for participation in the program. Any fees collected must be deposited into the fund.

(d) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.

(e) The department shall provide administrative support for the commission and program.

(f) The commission shall provide comment and policy feedback on the program to the department.

(g) The commission may provide technical assistance and industry knowledge for the program.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Indiana grown initiative fund

Sec. 9. (a) The Indiana grown initiative fund is established for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this chapter. The fund shall be administered by the department.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Fees collected under this chapter.
- (2) Appropriations.
- (3) Gifts, contributions, and grants.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.

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Annual report

Sec. 10. (a) Before November 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the legislative council that:

- (1) details the commission's activities under this chapter during the preceding state fiscal year;
- (2) recommends any legislation the commission considers useful in coordinating and streamlining the efforts of state government to assist and encourage the establishment and growth of small businesses in Indiana; and
- (3) provides any other information determined by the commission.

(b) The annual report submitted under this section must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

As added by P.L.173-2014, SEC.1.