

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 431

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:121, 124, and 125(1), relative to co-operative marketing
3 associations; to provide for an expansion and clarification of the purposes of a co-
4 operative marketing association; to provide for an expansion of the powers of a co-
5 operative marketing association; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:121, 124 and 125(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §121. Declaration of policy

11 The purpose of this Part is to promote, foster, and encourage the intelligent
12 and orderly marketing of agricultural products through co-operation; ~~to eliminate~~
13 ~~speculation, unnecessary middlemen, and waste, to make the distribution of~~
14 ~~agricultural products as direct as can be efficiently done between producer and~~
15 ~~consumer, and to stabilize the marketing of agricultural products.~~

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17 §124. Purposes

18 A. An association may be organized to engage in any activity in connection
19 with the marketing or selling of the agricultural products of its members, or with the

1 harvesting, preserving, drying, processing, manufacturing, canning, packing,
 2 grading, storing, handling, shipping, or utilizing thereof, or the manufacturing or
 3 marketing of by-products thereof; or in connection with the manufacturing, selling,
 4 or supplying to its members of machinery, equipment, or supplies; or more of the
 5 activities specified herein; or in the financing of the above enumerated activities; or
 6 to represent the interest of its members; or to engage in any lawful activity for which
 7 corporations may be formed under the laws of the state of Louisiana.

8 B. Every group of persons contemplating the organization of an association
 9 under this Part is urged to communicate with the dean of the college of agriculture
 10 of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, who will
 11 inform them whatever a survey of the marketing conditions affecting the
 12 commodities proposed to be handled may indicate regarding probable success.

13 §125. Powers

14 Each association incorporated under this Part shall have the following
 15 powers:

16 (1) To engage in any activity in connection with the marketing, selling,
 17 harvesting, preserving, drying, processing, manufacturing, canning, packing,
 18 grading, storing, handling, or utilization of any agricultural product produced or
 19 delivered to it by its members; or the manufacturing or marketing of the by-products
 20 thereof; or in connection with the purchase, hiring, or use by its members of supplies,
 21 machinery, or equipment, or in the financing of any such activities; or the
 22 representation of the interest of its members; or any lawful activity for which any
 23 corporation may be formed under the laws of the state of Louisiana. ~~or in any one or~~
 24 ~~more of the activities specified in this Section.~~ No association shall handle the
 25 agricultural products of any non-member, except as necessary and incidental to the
 26 handling of the products of the members; and in any case, the value of the products

1 of nonmembers handled, shall not exceed the value of the products handled by the
2 association for its members.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____