

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ALFALFA AND CLOVER SEED; AMENDING SECTION 22-4204, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO EXPAND THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL
3 CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 22-4210, IDAHO CODE, TO INCREASE THE AS-
4 SSSMENT OF ALFALFA AND CLOVER SEED AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;
5 AMENDING SECTION 22-4216, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING
6 AN INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN
7 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 22-4204, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 22-4204. CREATION OF COMMISSION -- MEMBERS -- QUALIFICATIONS -- COM-
13 PENSATION. (1) There is hereby created and established in the department of
14 self-governing agencies an alfalfa and clover seed commission to be thus
15 known and designated. The commission shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ seven (7)
16 members, including five (5) alfalfa seed or clover seed growers, one (1)
17 representative from the university of Idaho college of agricultural and life
18 sciences, and one (1) alfalfa seed or clover seed dealer.

19 (2) The ~~six (6)~~ five (5) grower members shall be citizens and residents
20 of the state of Idaho, each of whom is and has been actively engaged in the
21 growing and producing of alfalfa seed or clover seed within the state of
22 Idaho, and a ~~substantial~~ portion of whose income has been derived from grow-
23 ing alfalfa seed or clover seed.

24 (3) The one (1) dealer member shall be a person who, individually or as
25 executive officer of a corporation, firm, partnership, association or co-
26 operative organization, is and has been actively engaged as a dealer in al-
27 falfa seed or clover seed within the state of Idaho, is a citizen and resident
28 of this state, and a ~~substantial~~ portion of his income shall have been de-
29 rived from handling, packing, shipping, buying and selling alfalfa seed or
30 clover seed, or acting as sales or purchasing agent, broker or factor of al-
31 falfa seed or clover seed.

32 (4) The qualifications of members of the commission as herein set forth
33 must continue during their term of office. Each member of the commission
34 shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509(n), Idaho Code.

35 SECTION 2. That Section 22-4210, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
36 amended to read as follows:

37 22-4210. ASSESSMENT ON ALFALFA SEED AND CLOVER SEED. There is hereby
38 levied ~~upon~~ on all alfalfa seed and clover seed grown annually in this state,
39 all alfalfa seed sold as Idaho alfalfa seed and all clover seed sold as Idaho
40 clover seed, an assessment of ~~one-fourth cent (1/4¢)~~ one cent (\$0.01) per

1 pound of clean seed. All moneys collected hereunder shall be expended to ef-
2 fectuate the purposes and objects of this act.

3 SECTION 3. That Section 22-4216, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 22-4216. INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT. If it appears from an investigation
6 that the revenue from the assessment levied under this act is inadequate to
7 accomplish the purposes of this act, the commission shall file with the di-
8 rector of the department of agriculture a report showing the necessity of the
9 industry, extent and probable cost of the required research, market promo-
10 tion and advertising, extent of public convenience, interest and necessity,
11 and probable revenue from the assessment desired to be levied. It may there-
12 upon increase the assessment to a sum not to exceed ~~one-half cent (1/2¢)~~ one
13 cent (\$0.01) per pound of clean seed; but no increase shall be made prior to
14 filing of said report and favorable finding.

15 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
17 July 1, 2025.