SENATE BILL No. 497

May 10, 2007, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, VAN WOERKOM, GILBERT and JELINEK and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 291, entitled

"An act relating to bovine meat animals; to create a beef promotion, consumer marketing, industry information, research and education program; to prescribe the powers and duties of the governing commission; to prescribe the method of obtaining moneys to implement and administer the provisions of the act; to provide for penalties; and to provide for termination of the program,"

by amending section 3 (MCL 287.603), as amended by 1984 PA 143.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 3. (1) The state beef industry commission is created
- 2 within the department. The commission shall be composed of 11
- 3 members, 2 of whom shall be ex officio and without vote. The
- 4 following voting members shall be appointed by the governor
- 5 DIRECTOR with the consent of the senate COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE
- 6 for terms of 3 years:

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- 1 (a) Two members engaged in the raising, breeding, or growing
- 2 of cattle or calves for beef production.
- 3 (b) Three members engaged in the feeding of cattle for beef
- 4 production.
- 5 (c) One member engaged as a dairyman in the production of
- 6 fluid milk.
- 7 (d) One member who is an executive of a meat packing company
- 8 which purchases cattle and processes beef.
- 9 (e) One member engaged in the operation of a public livestock
- 10 marketing firm.
- 11 (f) One member engaged in retail sales of beef.
- 12 (2) One ex officio member shall be selected by the director
- 13 and 1 by the chairperson of the animal science department of
- 14 Michigan state university.
- 15 (3) The governor DIRECTOR shall select a minimum of 2 of the
- 16 members engaged in the feeding of cattle for beef production from a
- 17 list submitted by the Michigan cattlemen's association, inc. The
- 18 list submitted shall contain twice the number of names required to
- 19 fill the available positions. The governor DIRECTOR shall solicit
- 20 similar lists of qualified candidates for other commission
- 21 vacancies from appropriate industry organizations.