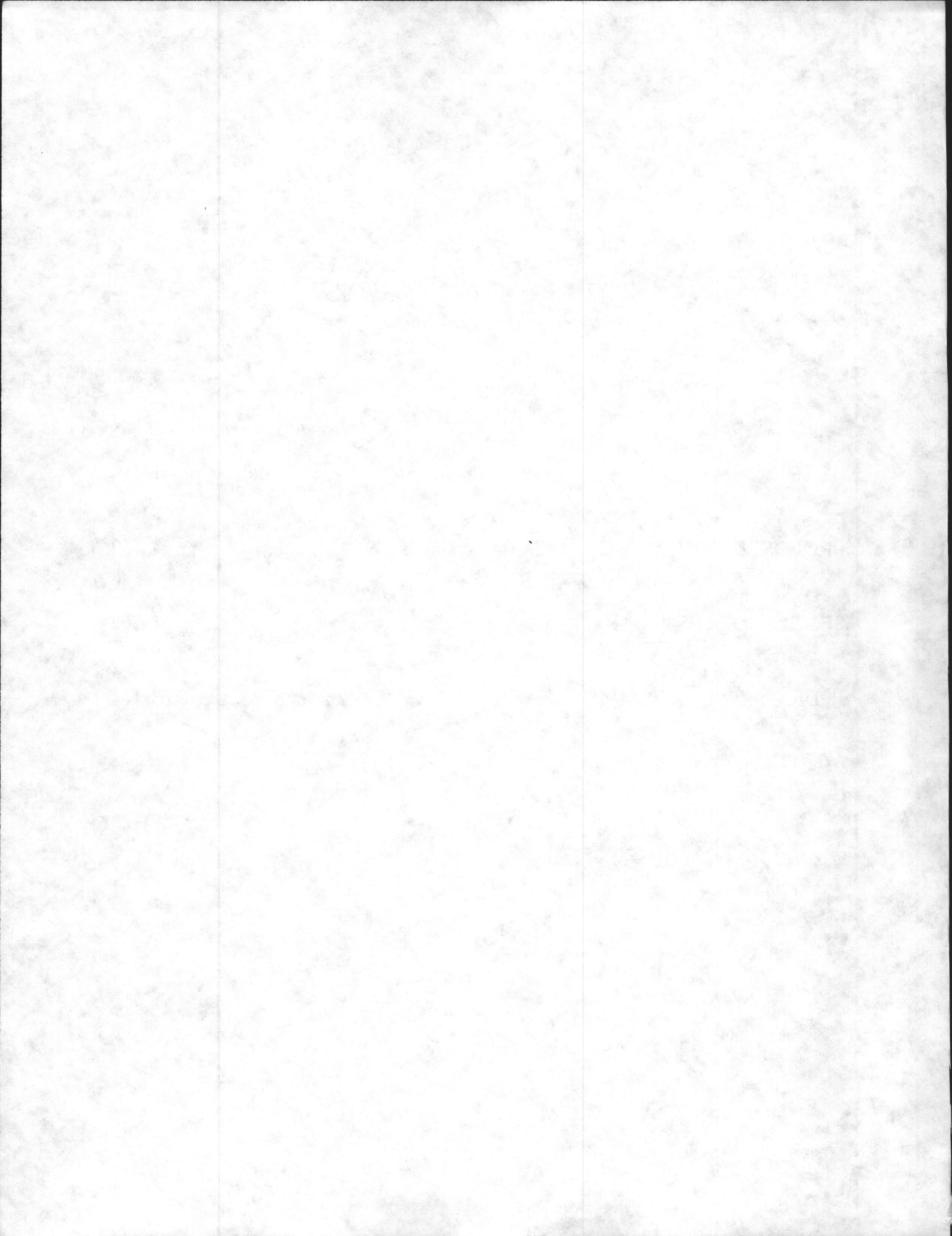


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## **ADOPTION**

### **HOME STUDIES**

Act 598, (HB 1585), provides that upon request of any interested party, agency or the court, the petitioner shall file an affidavit with the court stating the number of adoption home studies which have been conducted on the petitioner's home.

### **NOTIFICATION OF GRANDPARENTS**

Act 1204, (HB 1574), eliminates the exception to the notification of grandparents' requirement in certain adoption proceedings.

### **RECORDS**

Act 758, (HB 1330), provides that the probate clerk is the custodian of all adoption records even if the adoption is filed in the juvenile court.

### **SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION ACT**

Act 800, (HB 1532), authorizes adoptive parents to receive retroactive adoption subsidies for any preexisting unknown medical or psychiatric condition resulting in severe conditions which require extensive treatment.

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK**

Act 377, (SB 425), classifies certain creatures as alternative livestock and provides that they are subject to all laws, rules and regulations relating to other farm animals and birds.

### **BOLL WEEVILS**

Act 854, (HB 1898), amends various sections of the Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication Act.

### **DISPOSAL OF FOWL CARCASSES**

Act 241, (HB 1405), authorizes the Livestock and Poultry Commission to prescribe acceptable methods for the disposal of fowl carcasses.

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Act 250, (SB 324), prohibits the use of burial pits as an acceptable method of poultry carcass disposal and requires the Livestock and Poultry Commission to prescribe acceptable methods of disposing of poultry carcasses, including but not limited to: (1) composting; (2) cremation or incineration; (3) extrusion; (4) on-farm freezing; (5) rendering; and (6) cooking for swine feed. The Commission is to specify, by regulation, acceptable methods of the disposal of fowl carcasses in the event of a major die-off.

### **EGG STORAGE TEMPERATURE**

Act 115, (HB 1119), provides that eggs packed in containers for the purpose of resale to consumers shall be stored and transported under refrigeration at an ambient temperature no greater than forty-five degrees Fahrenheit and the containers shall be labelled "Keep refrigerated at or below 45 degrees Fahrenheit". The act further provides that packers shall not be responsible for the interior quality of eggs unless the aforementioned handling procedures are followed by all parties after the sale of the eggs by the packer.

## *AGRICULTURE (Cont.)*

### **EMPLOYEE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING**

Act 1205, (HB 1579), requires agricultural employers, who have more than four (4) employees in a reporting period and who are required to withhold for federal purposes, to collect, account for and pay over Arkansas income taxes for that reporting period. Employers, who employ three (3) or fewer employees, may collect, account for and pay over Arkansas income taxes for that reporting period if they so chose.

### **FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM CREATED**

Act 1218, (HB 1939), creates the Arkansas Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to provide nutritionally at-risk individuals and families nutrition education and to distribute non-taxable coupons to purchase fresh locally grown fruit, nuts and vegetables.

### **FERTILIZER**

Act 352, (HB 1462), and Act 373, (SB 344), removes the restriction on fractional units of primary plant food from appearing in the guaranteed analysis of a specialty fertilizer.

### **FOOD PROCESSING AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS TASK FORCE**

Act 907, (SB 694), establishes an Arkansas Task Force on Food Processing and Agricultural Business to examine ways the state can assist rural areas in decreasing unemployment by attracting, developing and expanding the food processing industry and other industries related to agricultural business, research and development.

### **GOAT MILK**

Act 816, (SB 471), allows incidental sales of raw goat milk directly to consumers at the farm where the milk is produced. The act also allows the incidental sales to be advertised.

### **GRAIN BIN CONSTRUCTION**

Act 856, (HB 1930), exempts the construction of grain bins on a farm which are to be used solely for the purpose of storing grain harvested by the owner or the lessee of the farm from contractor licensing requirements.

## **AIDS**

Act 616, (HB 1560), requires defendants convicted of specified sexual offenses, upon request of victims, to submit to testing for AIDS or HIV; results will be released only to defendants and victims and are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Victims may also receive counseling, HIV testing, and referral or delivery for health and support services.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD QUALIFICATIONS**

Act 122, (SB 200), removes the prohibition, except at the state level, against holding elected or appointed office and being eligible to serve as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

### **BEER PERMIT FEE**

Act 528, (HB 1427), increases the fee for wholesale and retail beer permits.

## *ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Cont.)*

### **FURNISHING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO MINORS**

Act 875, (SB 563), increases the criminal penalties for the criminal offenses of unknowingly furnishing intoxicating liquor to a minor, and knowingly furnishing or selling alcoholic beverages to a minor.

### **LOCAL OPTION ELECTION**

Act 243, (SB 21), amends the local option law to increase from thirty percent to thirty-eight percent the number of signatures necessary to call a wet/dry election.

### **MIXED DRINK PERMITS FOR LARGE ATTENDANCE FACILITIES**

Act 1247, (HB 1523), creates a new special alcoholic beverage permit for "large attendance facilities with pari-mutuel wagering".

### **NATIVE BRANDY**

Act 1028, (HB 1865), allows manufacturers of native brandy to sell their product at retail on their premises.

### **PERMITS**

#### **DELINQUENT STATE TAXES**

Act 779, (SB 719), requires the Department of Finance and Administration to report delinquent state taxes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. It also amends various code sections relating to alcoholic beverage permits.

#### **KIND AND TYPE BEFORE 1983**

Act 826, (SB 706), allows the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to continue to issue permits of the same kind and type issued prior to the effective date of Act 418 of 1983, except where the electorate of a political subdivision has, since the effective date of Act 418 of 1983, held an election under the provisions of Initiated Act 1 of 1942.

#### **PENALTIES**

Act 172, (SB 179), increases the minimum monetary fines that may be levied against an alcoholic beverage control permittee and designates additional permit violations.

#### **TRANSFER OF INTEREST**

Act 433, (HB 1173), allows persons, firms, or corporations holding multiple retail liquor permits that were lawfully issued before the effective date of Act 106 of 1971 (which prohibits issuance of permits to anyone with an interest in another retail liquor permit) to transfer their interest in multiple retail liquor permitted businesses to any other person, firm, or corporation without violating the law.

### **RESPONSIBLE PERMITTEE PROGRAM**

Act 173, (SB 181), creates a program for persons who are licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages to be certified as responsible permittees if they comply with certain requirements, such as attending courses dealing with the effects of alcoholic consumption and underage customers and requiring their employees to attend similar training courses.