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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the managed environment livestock operation tax credit.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 135.633, to read as follows:

135.633. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Authority", the Missouri agriculture and small business development authority;
 - (2) "Eligible expenses", the actual cost to a producer of implementing odor abatement best management practices and systems necessary to achieve MELO accreditation from the department of agriculture. Eligible expenses includes the actual cost of implementing odor abatement best management practices and systems necessary to meet preferred environmental practices. All eligible expenses shall be less any federal or other state incentives;
 - (3) "MELO", managed environment livestock operation;
- 11 (4) "Odor abatement best management practices", best management practices as 12 established by the department of natural resources and the department of agriculture;
- 13 (5) "Preferred environmental practice", those odor abatement best management 14 practices which exceed the criteria for MELO accreditation;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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15 (6) "Producer", a person, partnership, corporation, trust, or limited liability 16 company who is a Missouri resident and whose primary purpose is agriculture production;

- (7) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 143, RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or otherwise due under chapter 147, 148, or 153, RSMo;
- (8) "Taxpayer", any individual or entity subject to the tax imposed in chapter 143, RSMo, excluding withholding tax imposed by sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or the tax imposed in chapter 147, 148, or 153, RSMo.
- 2. For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit for the eligible costs of implementing odor abatement best management practices and systems. The authority shall establish a managed environment livestock operation odor abatement tax credit program for producers. The maximum cumulative tax credit amount per taxpayer shall be equal to:
- (1) The lesser of fifty percent of such eligible expense of implementing odor abatement best management practices and systems necessary to achieve MELO accreditation from the department of agriculture, or fifty thousand dollars; or
- (2) The lesser of seventy-five percent of such eligible expense of implementing odor abatement best management practices and systems necessary to meet preferred environmental practices, or seventy-five thousand dollars.
- 3. If the amount of the tax credit issued exceeds the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the tax year for which the credit is claimed, the difference shall not be refundable but may be carried back to any of the taxpayer's three prior taxable years and carried forward to any of the taxpayer's five subsequent taxable years regardless of the type of tax liability to which such credits are applied as authorized under subsection 4 of this section. Tax credits granted under this section may be transferred, sold, or assigned. Whenever a certificate of tax credit is assigned, transferred, sold, or otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the authority specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit or the value of the credit. The cumulative amount of tax credits which may be issued under this section in any one fiscal year shall not exceed three million dollars.
- 4. Producers may receive a credit against the tax or estimated quarterly tax otherwise due under chapter 143, RSMo, other than taxes withheld under sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, or chapter 147 or 148, RSMo.
- 5. Tax credits claimed in a taxable year may be done so on a quarterly basis and applied to the estimated quarterly tax otherwise due under subsection 4 of this section. If a quarterly tax credit claim or series of claims contributes to causing an overpayment of

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taxes for a taxable year, such overpayment shall not be refunded but shall be applied to the
next taxable year.

- 6. A producer shall submit to the authority an application for tax credit allocation before any eligible expenses are expended. The authority may promulgate rules establishing eligibility under this section, taking into consideration:
 - (1) The potential for significant odor reduction;
- (2) The producers ability to provide funding for the implementation of best management odor abatement projects;
 - (3) The implementation of proven odor abatement technologies; and
 - (4) Such other factors as the authority may establish.
- 7. The authority may impose a one-time application fee of one-fourth of one percent which shall be collected at the time of the tax credit issuance.
- 8. Ninety percent of the tax credits authorized under this section shall initially be issued to producers for MELO accreditation projects in any fiscal year. If any portion of the ninety percent of tax credits offered to producers for MELO accreditation projects is unused as of March first in any fiscal year, the unused portion of tax credits may be offered to producers for preferred environmental practices.
- 9. If any portion of the ten percent of tax credits offered to producers for preferred environmental practices projects is unused as of March first in any fiscal year, the unused portion of tax credits may be offered to approved MELO accreditation projects.
- 10. Any odor abatement tax credit not issued by June thirtieth of each fiscal year shall expire.
- 11. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.
 - 12. The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2012.