

CHAPTER 246

AN ACT to amend 70.425 (2) and (3); and to create 20.60 (14) and 94.755 of the statutes, relating to mink research funds administered by state department of agriculture.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.60 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

20.60 (14) MINK RESEARCH. All moneys collected under s. 70.425- shall be paid into the general fund and are appropriated therefrom to the department of agriculture as a nonlapsible appropriation for the administration of its functions under s. 94.755.

SECTION 2. 70.425 (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

70.425 (2) The occupational tax herein provided * * * shall be assessed to the owner or person in possession of such mink by the assessor. He shall enter on the assessment roll the name of the person to whom assessed and the number of farms in his district. The clerk of the taxation district shall compute the tax and enter it on the tax roll. Such a tax shall be collected in the same manner as taxes on personal property are collected. The money so collected shall be paid into the state treasury and * * * *shall be used by the state department of agriculture under s. 94.755.*

(3) At the request of the * * * *state department of agriculture* the clerk of the taxation district shall furnish said * * * *department* a list of the names and addresses of the domestic mink farmers in his taxation district.

SECTION 3. 94.755 of the statutes is created to read:

94.755 MINK RESEARCH. (1) RESEARCH FUNDS. The department shall use the funds appropriated under s. 20.60 (14) for the purpose of promoting research in the breeding and raising of domestic mink. Such funds may be used for gifts, grants, compensation, awards or other payment to any person or institution in the manner which the director deems will best promote such research.

(2) DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. To advise him in the administration of this section, the director may appoint an advisory committee. The committee members shall be persons engaged in or interested in the breeding or raising of domestic mink. They shall receive no compensation or expenses and shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

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