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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to produce grown at a correctional facility.

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

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 217.143, to read as follows:

2 **217.143. 1. The department of corrections shall require every correctional facility**
3 **or center in the state to have and maintain a produce garden. Inmates housed at each**
3 **facility or center shall be responsible for the growth and care of produce in the garden.**

4 **2. The garden shall not be considered part of the vocational enterprise program**
5 **under section 217.550 but shall receive support consistent with the support given to**
6 **vocational industries under section 217.565.**

7 **3. Produce harvested from the garden shall be used at the facility at which it was**
8 **grown to supplement the supply of food purchased for the offenders. Any edible unused**
9 **produce remaining after offender consumption, shall be donated to a local food pantry or**
10 **other charitable organization.**

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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.