

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 37, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by inserting after all of said section and line
2 the following:

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4 "348.500. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Family Farms Act".

5 2. As used in this section, "small farmer" means a farmer who is a Missouri resident and
6 who has less than ~~two hundred fifty~~ five hundred thousand dollars in gross sales per year.

7 3. The agricultural and small business development authority shall establish a family farm
8 breeding livestock loan program for small farmers for the purchase of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep
9 and goats, and swine only.

10 4. To participate in the loan program, a small farmer shall first obtain approval for a family
11 farm livestock loan from a lender as defined in section 348.015. ~~[Each small farmer shall be eligible~~
12 ~~for only one family farm livestock loan per family and for only one type of livestock.]~~

13 5. The maximum amount of the family farm livestock loan for each type of livestock shall
14 be as follows:

15 (1) ~~[Seventy-five]~~ One hundred fifty thousand dollars for beef cattle;

16 (2) ~~[Seventy-five]~~ One hundred fifty thousand dollars for dairy cattle;

17 (3) ~~[Thirty-five]~~ Seventy thousand dollars for swine; and

18 (4) ~~[Thirty]~~ Sixty thousand dollars for sheep and goats.

19 6. Eligible borrowers under the program:

20 (1) Shall use the proceeds of the family farm loan to acquire breeding livestock;

21 (2) Shall not finance more than ninety percent of the anticipated cost of the purchase of such
22 livestock through the family farm livestock loan; and

23 (3) Shall not be charged interest by the lender, as defined in section 348.015, for the first
24 year of the qualified family farm livestock loan.

25 7. Upon approval of the family farm livestock loan by a lender under subsection 4 of this
26 section, the loan shall be submitted for approval by the agricultural and small business development
27 authority. The authority shall promulgate rules establishing eligibility under this section, taking into
28 consideration:

29 (1) The eligible borrower's ability to repay the family farm livestock loan;

30 (2) The general economic conditions of the area in which the farm is located;

31 (3) The prospect of a financial return for the small farmer for the type of livestock for which
32 the family farm livestock loan is sought; and

33 (4) Such other factors as the authority may establish.

34 8. For eligible borrowers participating in the program, the authority shall be responsible for
35 reviewing the purchase price of any livestock to be purchased by an eligible borrower under the
36 program to determine whether the price to be paid is appropriate for the type of livestock purchased.

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1 The authority may impose a one-time loan review fee of one percent which shall be collected by the
2 lender at the time of the loan and paid to the authority.

3 9. Nothing in this section shall preclude a small farmer from participating in any other
4 agricultural program.

5 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
6 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
7 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
8 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
9 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
10 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
11 August 28, 2006, shall be invalid and void."; and

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13 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
14 accordingly.