

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 80

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Introduced by Agriculture and Environment Committee,  
Schmit, 23, Chpn.; R. Peterson, 21; Burrows,  
30; Remmers, 1; Nichol, 48; R. Maresh, 32;  
Wiitala, 31

AN ACT relating to the Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee; to amend section 66-470, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and sections 66-468, 66-802, 66-804, 66-805, and 66-820, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980; to rename such committee; to rename a fund; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 66-468, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

66-468. The fund shall be administered by the ~~Agricultural--Products--Industrial--Utilization~~ Nebraska Gasohol Committee which is hereby established. The committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature, for terms of two years each. Four members shall be actually engaged in farming in this state, one in general farming, and one each in the production of corn, wheat, and milo. One member shall be actively engaged in the petroleum industry, and two members shall be actively engaged in business in this state. Upon the expiration of the terms of members serving on March 21, 1972, four members shall be appointed for terms of four years, and three members shall be appointed for two years, and upon expiration of those terms members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Not more than four members shall be members of the same political party, but this restriction shall not apply until the expiration of the terms of members serving on March 21, 1972. The ~~Agricultural--Products--Industrial--Utilization~~ Nebraska Gasohol Committee shall retain the services of a full-time administrator and such administrator shall be appointed by the committee. The administrator shall hold office at the pleasure of the committee, and shall be entitled to all the benefits afforded an employee of the state. The administrator shall compile for the committee a biennial report to be submitted to the committee and the Clerk of the Legislature and such report shall set forth the activities, contracts, and projects of the committee for the previous biennium and the sums

expended. Each member of the Legislature shall receive a copy of such report by making a request for it to the administrator.

Sec. 2. That section 66-470, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

66-470. All members of the Agricultural-Products Industrial-Utilization Nebraska Gasohol Committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The members shall each receive fifteen dollars for each day while engaged in the performance of committee duties.

Sec. 3. That section 66-802, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

66-802. The Legislature further finds:

(1) That Nebraska is the national leader in development of gasohol as an alternative energy source and Nebraska has an obligation to continue this research, development, and leadership;

(2) That time is of the essence if the previously enumerated goals are to be accomplished and that programs which are both experimental and functional must be initiated now if gasohol development is to proceed and if more economical and efficient programs are to follow;

(3) That the free enterprise system for the development of aviation, oil, railroads, and other major industries required the cooperation of government and that in 1977 the Legislature recognized this responsibility by enacting Legislative Bill 52 and the federal government has recognized this and that the net effect of this state and federal legislation was and is to provide substantial incentives to make gasohol economically feasible now, despite the fact that additional research and development of the coming years may show additional changes or benefits that can be derived from the gasohol program and may show that government assistance may not be necessary at some designated time in the future, to have gasohol or alcohol as an alternate energy source;

(4) That the Agricultural--Products--Industrial Utilization Nebraska Gasohol Committee is the proper agency to implement this law and that the Legislature's Committee on Agriculture and Environment as the prime developer of legislation developing gasohol has the direct responsibility to act as an oversight committee to



insure compliance with this law and is in a position to inform other legislators as to any additional legislation necessary to accomplish the stated goals of sections 66-801 to 66-820; and

(5) That any experiment or developmental program will have a host of unanswered questions at its beginning, be subject to criticism and attack, and can give no absolute guarantees as to the final degree of success, but that these are reasons for moving forward in the development so as to find the answers.

Sec. 4. That section 66-804, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

66-804. As used in sections 66-801 to 66-820, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Committee shall mean the ~~Agricultural Products---Industrial---Utilization~~ Nebraska Gasohol Committee; and

(2) Fund shall mean the Grain Alcohol Plant Construction Fund created under section 66-806.

Sec. 5. That section 66-805, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

66-805. To carry out sections 66-801 to 66-820, the ~~Agricultural-Products-Industrial-Utilization~~ Nebraska Gasohol Committee may make available up to five matching grants to qualified applicants to construct grain alcohol plants or facilities related to the production or storage of grain alcohol.

Sec. 6. That section 66-820, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, be amended to read as follows:

66-820. The committee shall become a member of any national gasohol promotion group. There is hereby appropriated thirty thousand dollars to the ~~Agricultural Products---Industrial---Utilization~~ Nebraska Gasohol Committee Membership Fund which is hereby created for purposes of membership in any national gasohol promotion group.

Sec. 7. That original section 66-470, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and sections 66-468, 66-802, 66-804, 66-805, and 66-820, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1980, are repealed.