LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 484

Introduced by Quick, 35.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
- 2 77-1359, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine
- 3 agricultural land and horticultural land; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** Section 77-1359, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 77-1359 The Legislature finds and declares that agricultural land
- 4 and horticultural land shall be a separate and distinct class of real
- 5 property for purposes of assessment. The assessed value of agricultural
- 6 land and horticultural land shall not be uniform and proportionate with
- 7 all other real property, but the assessed value shall be uniform and
- 8 proportionate within the class of agricultural land and horticultural
- 9 land.
- 10 For purposes of this section and section 77-1363:
- 11 (1)(a) Agricultural land and horticultural land means a parcel
- of land, excluding land associated with a building or enclosed structure
- 13 located on the parcel, which is primarily used for agricultural or
- 14 horticultural purposes, including wasteland lying in or adjacent to and
- 15 in common ownership or management with other agricultural land and
- 16 horticultural land; -
- 17 (b) Agricultural land and horticultural land does not include land
- 18 used for commercial purposes that are not agricultural or horticultural
- 19 purposes, such as land used for a solar farm or wind farm;
- 20 (2)(a) Agricultural or horticultural purposes means used for the
- 21 commercial production of any plant or animal product in a raw or
- 22 unprocessed state that is derived from the science and art of
- 23 agriculture, aquaculture, or horticulture.
- (b) Agricultural or horticultural purposes includes the following
- 25 uses of land:
- 26 (i) Land retained or protected for future agricultural or
- 27 horticultural purposes under a conservation easement as provided in the
- 28 Conservation and Preservation Easements Act except when the parcel or a
- 29 portion thereof is being used for purposes other than agricultural or
- 30 horticultural purposes; and
- 31 (ii) Land enrolled in a federal or state program in which payments

- 1 are received for removing such land from agricultural or horticultural
- 2 production.
- 3 (c) Whether a parcel of land is primarily used for agricultural or
- 4 horticultural purposes shall be determined without regard to whether some
- 5 or all of the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots or
- 6 developed with improvements consisting of streets, sidewalks, curbs,
- 7 gutters, sewer lines, water lines, or utility lines;
- 8 (3) Farm home site means land contiguous to a farm site which
- 9 includes an inhabitable residence and improvements used for residential
- 10 purposes and which is located outside of urban areas or outside a platted
- 11 and zoned subdivision; and
- 12 (4) Farm site means the portion of land contiguous to land actively
- 13 devoted to agriculture which includes improvements that are agricultural
- 14 or horticultural in nature, including any uninhabitable or unimproved
- 15 farm home site.
- 16 Sec. 2. Original section 77-1359, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 17 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.