

1 H.525

2 Introduced by Representatives Ainsworth of Royalton, Deen of Westminster,

3 Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Malcolm of

4 Pawlet, McAllister of Highgate and Zuckerman of Burlington

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Agriculture; cattle checkoff; designation of state beef council;

8 assessment

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to designate the Vermont Beef
10 Industry Council, Inc. as the qualified state beef council and to authorize the
11 council to assess \$0.50 in addition to the federally mandated \$1.00 cattle
12 checkoff.

13 An act relating to beef promotion and research

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 21 is added to read:

16 § 21. BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH; QUALIFIED STATE BEEF

17 COUNCIL; ASSESSMENT

18 (a) Pursuant to the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985, Pub. L.

19 99-198, and 7 C.F.R. Part 1260:

1 (1) The Vermont Beef Industry Council, Inc. is authorized by the state
2 of Vermont to act as the qualified state beef council.

3 (2) The qualified state beef council, pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 1260.172, is
4 authorized to assess and collect \$1.00 per head of Vermont cattle sold in
5 Vermont or elsewhere, provided that the sale is subject to assessment under
6 7 C.F.R. § 1260. The procedures for collecting this assessment and for
7 remitting portions to the national Cattlemen’s Beef Promotion and Research
8 Board shall be established by the qualified state beef council and shall be in
9 conformance with 7 C.F.R. § 1260.172.

10 (b) The qualified state beef council is authorized to assess and collect an
11 additional \$0.50 per head of Vermont cattle sold in Vermont or elsewhere and
12 subject to assessment under 7 C.F.R. § 1260. Funds collected under this
13 subsection may be retained by the qualified state beef council. The assessment
14 collected under this subsection shall be collected at the same time and using
15 the same procedures as the assessment collected under subdivision (a)(2) of
16 this section. The assessment collected under this subsection shall not be
17 collected for a dairy animal sold in Vermont when the animal sells for less than
18 \$100.00.