5 buildings and equipment owned and operated by nonprofit cemetery 6 associations and used exclusively for the maintenance and care of the

cemeteries devoted to interment of human bodies and human remains.

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CHAPTER 254

LIVESTOCK TAX EXEMPTION

S. F. 571

AN ACT to exempt from taxation all livestock valued and assessed on January 1, 1973, for which taxes would otherwise be due in 1974 and succeeding years and making an appropriation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section four hundred twenty-seven point one (427.1), subsection thirteen (13), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 13. Agricultural produce. Growing agricultural and horticultural crops and products, except commercial orchards and vineyards, and all horticultural and agricultural produce harvested by or for the person assessed within one year previous to the listing, all wool shorn from his sheep within such time, all poultry, ten stands of bees, honey and beeswax produced during that time and remaining in the possession of the producer, all swine and sheep under nine months of age, and all other livestock and fur-bearing animals under one year of age.

- 1 Sec. 2. Section four hundred twenty-seven point thirteen (427.13), 2 Code 1973, is amended by striking subsections two (2) and three (3).
- SEC. 3. Acts of the General Assembly, 1970 Session of the Sixty-third General Assembly, Chapter twelve hundred five (1205), Section twenty-two (22), is repealed.
- SEC. 4. Chapter four hundred twenty-seven (427), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new section:

 NEW SECTION.
 - 1. The personal property tax levied on all livestock assessed for taxation as of January 1, 1973, shall not be collected in 1974, or any subsequent year, from the owners of the livestock or from those having liability for the payment of the tax.

8 2. A tax credit shall be allowed each taxing district in the state for each head of livestock that was assessed as of January 1, 1973. The tax credit shall commence and be effective for the tax year 1974 and each year thereafter based upon the livestock assessed as of January 1, 1973.

13 3. On or before January 15, 1974, the county auditor of each county shall prepare a statement listing for each taxing district in the county

15 the assessed or taxable values of all livestock assessed for taxation

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as of January 1, 1973. The statement shall also show the tax rates of the various taxing districts and the total amount of taxes which in 17 18 the absence of this Act would have been levied upon livestock assessed as of January 1, 1973. The county auditor shall certify and forward 19 20 copies of the statement to the director of revenue not later than Jan-21 uary 15, 1974. The director of revenue shall compute the applicable 22 tax credit and certify to the state comptroller the amount due to each 23 taxing district, which amount shall be the dollar amount which would be payable if all livestock so assessed were taxed, based upon those 24 assessed as of January 1, 1973. 25

4. The amounts due each taxing district shall be paid on warrants payable to the respective county treasurers in two equal payments by the state comptroller on March fifteenth and September fifteenth of each year with the first payment starting March 15, 1974. The county treasurer shall apportion the proceeds to the various taxing districts

31 in the county.

5. In the event that the amount appropriated for reimbursement of the taxing districts is insufficient to pay in full the amounts due to each of the taxing districts, then the amount of each payment shall be reduced by the director of revenue according to the ratio that the total amount of funds to be paid to each taxing district bears to the total amount to be paid to all taxing districts in the state.

SEC. 5. Section four hundred forty-two point two (442.2), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered para-

graph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The amount paid to each school district for the tax credit for livestock under this Act shall be regarded as property tax. The portion of the payment which is foundation property tax shall be determined by applying the foundation property tax millage rate to the taxable value of livestock assessed for taxation in the district as of January 1, 1973, determined pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 6. NEW SECTION. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state of Iowa to the state comptroller for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1974, the sum of four million (4,000,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and for each succeeding fiscal year the sum of eight million (8,000,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section four (4) of this Act.

Approved July 13, 1973.

This Act was passed by the G. A. before July 1, 1973.