

No. 1983-22

## AN ACT

SB 471

Amending the act of June 12, 1968 (P.L.173, No.94), entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of cooperative agricultural associations; providing for the operation, taxation, merger, dissolution and winding up of such associations; conferring certain rights, powers, duties, restrictions, privileges and immunities upon them and their directors, officers, stockholders and members; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts, the Department of State, the Department of Agriculture and other State offices; and imposing penalties for the violation of this act," further providing for dividends.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 14(f) of the act of June 12, 1968 (P.L.173, No.94), known as the Cooperative Agricultural Association Act, amended July 29, 1971 (P.L.259, No.64), is amended to read:

Section 14. Issuance of Stock or Membership Certificates; Voting Rights; Evidences of Equity; Limitations on Dividends; Preemptive Rights.—\* \* \*

(f) Dividends **[not in excess of eight per cent per annum]** may be paid on any stock and dividends on preferred stock may be cumulative if so provided in the articles of association. An association shall have a lien on all of its issued common and preferred stock and dividends declared or accrued thereon for all indebtedness of the holders thereof to the association, if provision therefor is stated on the face of the certificate of stock.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of July, A. D. 1983.

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