

Department of Agriculture Programs and Activities Bill House File 2641

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to agriculture, by providing for the administration of programs and regulations, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES BILL

NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES

Establishes the Value-Added Agricultural Grant Program to identify, evaluate, and support projects and services that add value to agricultural commodities produced on Iowa farms. Page 4, Line 28

SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

Makes changes to the eligibility for brood mare residence when determining whether a horse is an Iowa-foaled thoroughbred horse, quarter horse, or standardbred horse for purposes of native horse racing. Page 1, Line 3

Makes changes to the Choose Iowa Promotional Program by updating and adding definitions and references in Iowa Code and changes the name of the Choose Iowa Fund to the Choose Iowa Promotional Fund. Page 1, Line 17

Expands the Dairy Innovation Program to include milk plants that produce, deliver, and process, Grade "B" milk and provides that financing may be used for the acquisition of dairy processing equipment. Page 3, Line 30

Establishes the Value-Added Agricultural Grant Program Fund and specifies that any unencumbered or unobligated funds will not revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Page 4, Line 11

Repeals regulations applicable to commercial breeding establishments with respect to Greyhound dogs for pari-mutuel wagering. Page 5, Line 3

Changes the frequency of a survey conducted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) on Grade "A" pasteurized and raw milk from annually to biennially. Page 6, Line 33

Amends the term "unmanipulated manures" to include substances processed by dewatering. Page 8, Line 9

EFFECTIVE DATE

Division V of the Bill dealing with fertilizers and soil conditioners takes effect upon enactment. Page 8, Line 15