CHAPTER 144

MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION H.F. 602

AN ACT providing for the appointment of a person to administer the inspection of meat and poultry under chapter 189A.

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

Section 1. Section 189A.5, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

The secretary shall administer this chapter and shall employ veterinarians to administer this chapter and may appoint a person to act as the secretary's designee in the administration of this chapter. The secretary shall employ veterinarians licensed in the state of Iowa as veterinary inspectors. The secretary is also authorized to employ as meat inspectors other persons who have qualified and are skilled in the inspection of meat and poultry products and any other additional employees the secretary deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The meat inspectors shall be under the supervision of the secretary's designee or a veterinary inspector if no designee is appointed. The secretary may also enter into contracts with qualified individuals to perform inspection services as the secretary may designate for a fee per head or per unit volume to be determined by the secretary provided such the persons are not employed in the an establishment in which the inspection takes place. The secretary may utilize any employee, agent, or equipment of the department in the enforcement of this chapter, and may assign to inspectors other duties related to the acceptance of meat and poultry products.

Approved May 26, 1987

CHAPTER 145

ETHANOL-BLENDED GASOLINE H.F. 621

AN ACT requiring the state vehicle dispatcher and other state agencies to solicit bids for ethanol-blended gasoline when advertising for bids for gasoline.

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

Section 1. Section 18.115, subsection 9, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

9. All gasoline used in state-owned automobiles shall be purchased at cost from the various installations or garages of the state department of transportation, state board of regents, department of human services, or state car pools throughout the state, unless such purchases are exempted by the vehicle dispatcher. The vehicle dispatcher shall study and determine the reasonable accessibility of these state-owned sources for the purchase of gasoline. If these state-owned sources for the purchase of gasoline are not reasonably accessible, the vehicle dispatcher shall authorize the purchase of gasoline from other sources. The vehicle dispatcher may prescribe a manner, other than the use of the revolving fund, in which the purchase of gasoline from state-owned sources shall be charged to the department or agency responsible for the use of the automobile. The vehicle dispatcher shall prescribe the manner in which oil and other normal automobile maintenance for state-owned automobiles may be purchased from private sources, if they cannot be reasonably obtained from a state car pool. The state vehicle dispatcher may advertise for bids and award contracts for the furnishing of gasoline, oil, grease,

and vehicle replacement parts for all state-owned vehicles. The state vehicle dispatcher and other state agencies, when advertising for bids for gasoline, shall also seek bids for ethanol-blended gasoline.

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CHAPTER 146

AUTHORIZED FARM CORPORATIONS AND TRUSTS H.F. 633

AN ACT relating to restrictions on the number of acres of agricultural land that authorized farm corporations or authorized trusts may acquire or otherwise obtain or lease, restricting persons from being shareholders or beneficiaries in more than a certain number of authorized farm corporations or authorized trusts, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 172C.5 RESTRICTIONS ON AUTHORIZED FARM CORPORATIONS AND AUTHORIZED TRUSTS.

An authorized farm corporation or authorized trust shall not, on or after July 1, 1987, either directly or indirectly, acquire or otherwise obtain or lease agricultural land, if the total agricultural land either directly or indirectly owned or leased by the authorized farm corporation or authorized trust would then exceed one thousand five hundred acres. However, this paragraph does not apply to agricultural land that is leased by an authorized farm corporation or authorized trust to the immediate prior owner of the land for the purpose of farming, as defined in section 172C.1. Upon cessation of the lease to the immediate prior owner, the authorized farm corporation or authorized trust shall, within three years following the date of the cessation, sell or otherwise dispose of the agricultural land leased to the immediate prior owner. This paragraph also does not apply to land that is held or acquired and maintained to protect significant elements of the state's natural open space heritage, including but not limited to significant river, lake, wetland, prairie, forest areas, other biologically significant areas, land containing significant archaeological, historical, or cultural value, or fish or wildlife habitats, as defined in rules adopted by the department of natural resources.

A person shall not after July 1, 1987 become a stockholder of any authorized farm corporation if the person is a stockholder of any other authorized farm corporation or a beneficiary of an authorized trust. A person shall not after July 1, 1987 become a beneficiary of an authorized trust if the person is a beneficiary of another authorized trust or a stockholder of an authorized farm corporation.

Any authorized farm corporation or authorized trust violating the provisions of this section shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars and shall divest itself of any land acquired in violation of this section within one year after conviction. A penalty of not more than one thousand dollars shall be imposed on a person who becomes a stockholder of an authorized farm corporation or a beneficiary of an authorized trust in violation of this section. The person shall divest the interest held by the person in the corporation or trust to comply with this section. The courts of this state may prevent and restrain violations of this section through the issuance of an injunction. The attorney general or a county attorney shall institute suits on behalf of the state to prevent and restrain violations of this section.