

AGRICULTURE

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an Iowa animal identification development
 2 council, and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 169B.1 IOWA ANIMAL
2 IDENTIFICATION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

3 An Iowa animal identification development council is
4 established. The council shall consist of the following
5 members:

6 1. The state veterinarian.

7 2. A person appointed by the secretary of agriculture.

8 The person shall be knowledgeable about meat and poultry
9 inspection at state and federal licensed slaughtering
10 establishments.

11 3. A person appointed by the president of Iowa state
12 university who is a faculty member of the Iowa cooperative
13 extension service in agriculture and home economics. The
14 person shall be knowledgeable about animal husbandry practices
15 and large animal health.

16 4. A person appointed by the governor who shall be
17 associated with a slaughtering establishment. The person
18 shall be knowledgeable about concentration points and
19 slaughtering establishments.

20 5. All of the following persons who are interested in
21 animal agriculture:

22 a. A person actively engaged in cattle production who is
23 appointed by the Iowa cattlemen's association.

24 b. A person actively engaged in swine production who is
25 appointed by the Iowa pork producers association.

26 c. A person actively engaged in sheep or wool production
27 who is appointed by the Iowa sheep producers association.

28 d. A person actively engaged in broiler, egg, or turkey
29 production who is appointed by the Iowa poultry association in
30 consultation with the Iowa turkey federation.

31 e. A person actively engaged in milk production who is
32 appointed by the Iowa state dairy association.

33 f. A practicing veterinarian who is appointed by the Iowa
34 veterinary medical association.

35 g. A person actively involved in the marketing of

1 livestock who is appointed by the livestock marketing
2 association.

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 169B.2 PROCEDURES -- COMPENSATION
4 -- FACILITIES.

5 The Iowa animal identification development council shall
6 elect a chairperson and meet according to rules adopted by the
7 council. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum and
8 an affirmative vote of a majority of members is necessary for
9 substantive action taken by the council. A vacancy in the
10 membership does not impair the right of a quorum to exercise
11 all rights and perform all duties of the council.

12 2. The council shall be bipartisan and gender balanced in
13 the same manner as provided in sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

14 3. A member of the council is not entitled to receive
15 expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's duties on
16 the council. A member is also not entitled to receive
17 compensation as otherwise provided in section 7E.6.

18 4. The department of agriculture and land stewardship and
19 Iowa state university shall cooperate in providing necessary
20 facilities, materials, and staff to assist the council in
21 carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 169B.3 DUTIES.

23 The Iowa animal identification development council shall
24 recommend policies and practices relating to the establishment
25 and implementation of a proposed national animal
26 identification system as may be adopted by the federal
27 government. The council may do any of the following:

28 1. Cooperate with persons responsible for preparing plans
29 to establish and implement a national animal identification
30 system. The council may consult with, and respond to
31 proposals considered by, the animal and plant health
32 inspection service of the United States department of
33 agriculture, team members responsible for preparing the United
34 States' animal identification plan or a successor plan, the
35 national institute for animal agriculture, and the United

1 States animal health association.

2 2. Respond to federal legislative or regulatory proposals
3 affecting the establishment or implementation of a national
4 animal identification system.

5 3. Advise members of the general assembly, state agencies,
6 and members of Iowa's congressional delegation regarding any
7 regulations or appropriations relating to the establishment or
8 implementation of a national animal identification system.
9 The council may assist interested persons in forming or
10 evaluating research, education, or demonstration projects
11 which are preliminary to the establishment of the system.

12 4. Assist state agencies and interested organizations in
13 educating the public, and especially persons interested in
14 animal agriculture, regarding the status of the proposed
15 national animal identification system, and best practices for
16 compliance.

17 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 169B.4 REPEAL.

18 This chapter is repealed on July 1, 2006.

19 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The United States department of agriculture is considering
23 the adoption of a national animal identification system to be
24 used for purposes of tracing the movement of agricultural
25 animals through channels of commerce. This bill establishes
26 an Iowa animal identification development council to assist in
27 the development and implementation of that system. The
28 council is responsible for cooperating with interested
29 organizations and governmental agencies, responding to
30 legislative or regulatory proposals, advising state and
31 federal officials about any related regulations or
32 appropriations, and providing for education regarding the
33 system.

34 The council consists of a number of persons representing
35 the department of agriculture and land stewardship; Iowa state

1 university; and private organizations, including livestock
2 organizations, veterinarians, and slaughtering establishments.

3 The bill's provisions take effect upon enactment and are
4 repealed July 1, 2006.

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