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House File 314

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Ways and Means.

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## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the licensing of vending machines and mechanical amusement devices by the department of agriculture and providing penalties for violation thereof.

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

1 Section 1. When used herein:

2 1. A "vending machine" shall include any coin-operated  
3 machine or device which dispenses confections, goods, or merchan-  
4 dise of any kind, except cigarettes and also excepting penny-  
5 operated vending machines and postage stamp vending machines.

6 2. A "mechanical amusement device" shall include a coin-  
7 operated phonograph or music box, also known as a "juke box",  
8 but shall not include coin-operated moving picture machines, or  
9 any machine or device prohibited by law as a gambling device.

1 Sec. 2. Every person, firm, corporation or association  
2 offering or distributing for sale or use, or owning or operating  
3 any vending machine or mechanical amusement device in any public  
4 place or private club shall obtain a license for each of said  
5 vending machines or mechanical amusement devices as herein pro-  
6 vided.

1 Sec. 3. Such license shall be obtained from the department

2 of agriculture by applying therefor upon such forms as the  
 3 department may prescribe, together with the license fee herein  
 4 provided, which license shall expire one year after date of issu-  
 5 ance. The license shall be in the form of a metal plate bearing  
 6 the words "Licensed by the State of Iowa", followed by the license  
 7 number and expiration date and shall be displayed on the front of  
 8 each such machine or device.

1 Sec. 4. Annual license fees are hereby imposed as follows  
 2 upon each machine or device to be licensed:

- 3 1. A vending machine operated by a five cent coin.....\$25.00
- 4 2. A vending machine operated by a dime or  
 5 larger denomination of coin..... 50.00
- 6 3. A mechanical amusement device..... 25.00

1 Sec. 5. The department of agriculture shall enforce the pro-  
 2 visions hereof, and all revenue collected hereunder from license  
 3 fees, fines, or forfeitures, less any expenses incurred by the  
 4 department in administering the provisions hereof, shall be paid  
 5 into the general fund of the state to be used for state aid for  
 6 elementary and secondary schools as relief to land and property  
 7 taxes for same.

1 Sec. 6. Any vending machine or mechanical amusement device  
 2 offered for sale or use, or owned or operated in violation hereof  
 3 shall be forfeited to the state and disposed of as provided in  
 4 section thirteen thousand four hundred forty-one and twenty-five  
 5 hundredths (13441.25), Code, 1939.

1 Sec. 7. Any person, or member, officer, or employee of any

2 firm, corporation, or association violating any provision hereof  
3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not to  
4 exceed five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail  
5 not to exceed five months, or both.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 314

State Aid for Education—relief to land and property taxes for education.

This bill taxes the five cent vending machines at \$25.00 per year, the ten cent vending machines at \$50.00 per year and coin operated music boxes at \$25.00 per year. Today these machines pay no tax but should be required to do so in fairness to the general public. It is estimated that this measure will raise approximately \$300,000.00 each year. The revenue will be paid into the general fund of the state to be used for state aid of the elementary and secondary schools as a replacement and relief to land and property taxes for the same.