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SENATE FILE 94
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the labeling of fresh meat, and making a penalty
2 applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 189.1, Code 1991, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "Packaged meat" means raw unfrozen
4 meat which is a meat food product or a poultry product as
5 defined in section 189A.2, which is packaged in a form
6 intended for retail sale, and which is destined for retail
7 sale.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 189.18A FRESHNESS DATE ON PACKAGED
9 MEATS.

10 1. An establishment as defined in section 189A.2 shall not
11 sell packaged meat to a person, unless the establishment
12 labels the meat as provided in this section. The label shall
13 show the last date on which the meat remains fresh according
14 to rules adopted by the department. The department shall
15 adopt rules specifying the number of days that packaged meats
16 may remain chilled in a fresh condition. The rules shall to
17 the extent practicable establish a period of freshness for all
18 major varieties and cuts of packaged meats.

19 An establishment which packages meat shall label the
20 package of the meat. However, if the meat is sold on a retail
21 basis and is not prepackaged, the establishment may label the
22 meat by posting a notice in lieu of labeling the package. The
23 notice shall conform with rules adopted by the department.
24 The notice shall be posted in a clear and conspicuous manner
25 identifying the meat subject to the notice.

26 2. The department shall adopt a model label, including
27 labels required to be placed on packages as approved by the
28 United States department of agriculture. An establishment may
29 use a copy of the model label form to designate the date of
30 freshness of packaged meat. However, the department is not
31 required to disseminate model labels to establishments.

32 3. This section does not warrant the quality or freshness
33 of packaged meat, and the state assumes no liability for
34 packaged meat which is labeled under this section.

35 Sec. 3. Section 189A.7, Code 1991, is amended by adding

1 the following new subsection:

2 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Provide for the inspection of
3 packaged meat under section 189.18A and provide for the
4 enforcement of that section.

5 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 191.9 FRESHNESS DATE ON PACKAGED
6 MEATS.

7 A person shall, as required by section 189.18A, label
8 packaged meat with a date after which the meat is not
9 considered fresh according to rules adopted by the department.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill requires that establishments engaged in the sale
12 of fresh packaged meats must identify the date after which the
13 meat is not considered fresh by the department of agriculture
14 and land stewardship. The freshness date must appear on a
15 label placed on the package or if the meat is sold on a retail
16 basis and is not prepackaged, the date may be posted near the
17 meat in a clear and conspicuous manner. The bill does not
18 require that the meat be sold by a date certain. The
19 department is responsible for enforcing the bill's provisions.
20 An establishment acting in violation of the bill's provisions
21 commits a simple misdemeanor.

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