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May 6, 2004

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2357, an Act relating to the prevention and control of certain aquatic invasive plant and animal species and providing penalties.

House File 2392, an Act relating to controlled burns of demolished buildings conducted by certain cities.

House File 2433, an Act relating to fees retained by county treasurers for the issuance of driver's licenses and non-operator identification cards.

House File 2460, an act relating to school district enrollment of students listed on the sex offender registry.

House File 2484, an Act relating to the regulation of financial and real property institutions and assets including banks, credit unions, real property loan lenders, and real property financial liability.

House File 2486, an Act providing for animal agriculture, including by providing for offenses involving animals and crops and related property, and providing penalties.

House File 2518, an Act relating to the duties of the Soil and Water Conservation Division of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.



House File 2544, an Act requiring identification numbers for all parcels of real estate, additional real estate transaction records, and making a fee applicable.

House File 2560, an Act relating to fire protection service by requiring certain counties to negotiate emergency services agreements for townships, relating to dissolution of benefited fire districts, and including effective and applicability date provisions.

House File 2571, an Act relating to agriculture by providing for reporting requirements.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House



HOUSE FILE 2486

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING ANIMALS AND CROPS AND RELATED PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 717A.2, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

a. A person who violates subsection 1, paragraph "a", is guilty of a class "C" felony if the injury to or death of an animal or damage to property exceeds fifty ten thousand dollars, a class "D" felony if the injury to or death of an animal or damage to property exceeds five-hundred one thousand dollars but does not exceed fifty ten thousand dollars, an aggravated misdemeanor if the injury to or death of an animal or damage to property exceeds one hundred dollars but does not exceed five-hundred one thousand dollars, a serious misdemeanor if the injury to or death of an animal or damage to property exceeds fifty dollars but does not exceed one hundred dollars, or a simple misdemeanor if the injury to or death of an animal or damage to property does not exceed fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 717A.4 PATHOGENS THREATENING ANIMALS AND CROPS -- PENALTY.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person shall not willfully possess, transport, or transfer a pathogen with an intent to threaten the health of an animal or crop.

a. For animals, a pathogen restricted under this section shall be limited to a biological agent or toxin listed in 9 C.F.R. § 121.2(b), as that list exists on January 1, 2004.

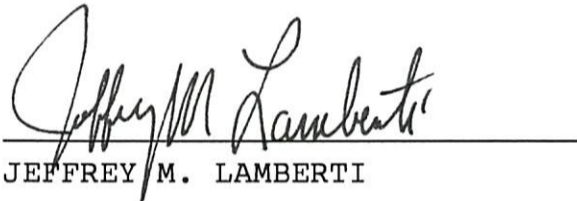
b. For crops, a pathogen restricted under this section shall be limited to a biological agent or toxin listed in 7 C.F.R. § 331.3, as that list exists on January 1, 2004.

2. This section does not apply to a person who possesses, transports, or distributes a pathogen in compliance with federal law, including but not limited to as provided in 9 C.F.R. pt. 121 or 7 C.F.R. pt. 331.

3. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class "B" felony.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2486, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 6, 2004



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor