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June 10, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 201, an Act providing for veterinary emergency preparedness and response by the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 201

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR VETERINARY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP.

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

Section 1. Section 163.3, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

163.3 VETERINARY ASSISTANTS.

The department secretary or the secretary's designee may appoint one or more licensed veterinarians licensed pursuant to chapter 169 in each county as assistant veterinarians. It The secretary may also appoint such special assistants as may be necessary in cases of emergency, including as provided in section 163.3A.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 163.3A VETERINARY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE.

1. The department may provide veterinary emergency preparedness and response services necessary to prevent or

control a serious threat to the public health, public safety, or the state's economy caused by the transmission of disease among livestock as defined in section 717.1 or agricultural animals as defined in section 717A.1. The services may include measures necessary to ensure that that all such animals carrying disease are properly identified, segregated, treated, or destroyed as provided in this Code.

2. The services shall be performed under the direction of the department and may be part of measures authorized by the governor under a declaration or proclamation issued pursuant to chapter 29C. In such case, the department shall cooperate with the Iowa department of public health under chapter 135; and the department of public defense, homeland security and emergency management division; and local emergency management agencies as provided in chapter 29C.

3. The secretary or the secretary's designee shall appoint veterinarians licensed pursuant to chapter 169 or persons in related professions or occupations who are qualified, as determined by the secretary, to serve on a voluntary basis as members of one or more veterinary emergency response teams. The secretary shall provide for the registration of persons as part of the appointment process. The secretary may cooperate with the Iowa board of veterinary medicine in implementing this section.

4. a. A registered member of an emergency response team who acts under the authority of the secretary shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of defending a claim on account of damage to or loss of property or on account of personal injury or death under chapter 669. The registered member shall be afforded protection under section 669.21. The registered member shall also be considered an employee of the state for purposes of disability, workers' compensation, and death benefits under chapter 85.

b. The department shall provide and update a list of the registered members of each emergency response team, including the members' names and identifying information, to the department of administrative services. Upon notification of a compensable loss suffered by a registered member, the

department of administrative services shall seek funding from the executive council for those costs associated with covered benefits.



JOHN P. KIBBIE

President of the Senate



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House

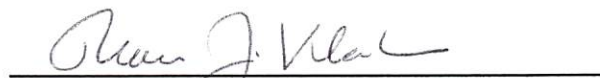
I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 201, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved June 10, 2005



THOMAS J. VILSACK

Governor