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May 22, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 759, an Act requiring counties and cities with flood hazard areas within their boundaries to participate in the national flood insurance program and requiring preparation of a flood insurance report by commissioner of insurance.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

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

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 759

AN ACT

REQUIRING COUNTIES AND CITIES WITH FLOOD HAZARD AREAS WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM AND REQUIRING PREPARATION OF A FLOOD INSURANCE REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.262A NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM -- PARTICIPATION REQUIRED.

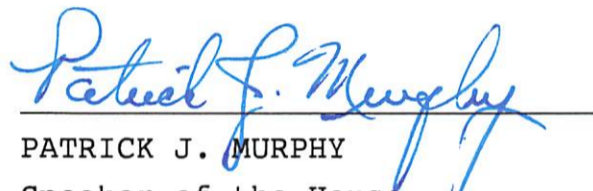
1. All counties and cities in this state that have an effective flood insurance rate map or flood hazard boundary map published by the federal emergency management agency that identifies a special flood hazard area within the political boundaries of the county or city shall meet the requirements for participation in the national flood insurance program administered by the federal emergency management agency on or before June 30, 2011.

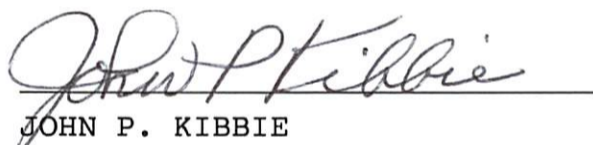
2. If a county or city does not currently have an effective flood insurance rate map or flood hazard boundary map published by the federal emergency management agency that identifies a special flood hazard area within the political boundaries of the county or city, the county or city shall have twenty-four months from the effective date of any future flood insurance rate map or flood hazard boundary map published by the federal emergency management agency to meet the requirements for participation in the national flood insurance program.

3. State participation in funding financial assistance for a flood-related disaster under section 29C.6, subsection 17, paragraph "a", is contingent upon the county or city participating in the national flood insurance program pursuant to the terms, conditions, and deadlines set forth in this section.

Sec. 2. FLOOD INSURANCE REPORT. The commissioner of insurance, in collaboration with the rebuild Iowa office and the homeland security and emergency management division of the Iowa department of public defense, shall develop recommendations on policies and incentives to expand the availability and procurement of flood insurance in the state, which shall be contained in a report transmitted to the chairperson and ranking member of the Iowa senate rebuild Iowa committee and the Iowa house of representatives rebuild Iowa and disaster recovery committee by November 15, 2009.


Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection 3, shall not apply to this Act.



PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 759, Eighty-third General Assembly.

Approved May 22nd, 2009


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor