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HOUSE FILE 787

Place On Calendar

BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

*Sen. Ag 5/30, Pass 6/2
Retail Ag 1/12/76, Pass per 5027 1/26*

Passed House, Date 5-27-75 (1958) Passed Senate, Date 1-28-76 (p. 153)

Vote: Ayes 89 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 10

Approved 3-12-76

*Re. passed House per Senate amendment
2-23-76 (p. 602)
84-3*

*Motion to reconsider filed 1/28 (154) provided 2/17 (409)
Re-passed Senate 2-18-76 p. 502
42-7*

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to minimum percentages of plant nutrients
2 in fertilizers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Chapter two hundred (200), Code 1975, is amended
2 by adding the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. No phosphatic fertilizer containing less
4 than eighteen percent available phosphorus (P) or (P₂O₅),
5 or both, nor any nitrogen fertilizer containing less than
6 fifteen percent available nitrogen (N), nor any potash
7 fertilizer containing less than fifteen percent available
8 potassium (K) or (K₂O) or both, nor any mixed fertilizer in
9 which the sum of the guaranteed analysis of nitrogen (N),
10 available phosphorus (P) or (P₂O₅) or both, and soluble
11 potassium (K) or (K₂O) or both, totals less than twenty percent
12 shall be offered for sale, sold, or distributed in this state.
13 The section shall not apply to specialty fertilizers as defined
14 in subsection five (5) of section two hundred point three
15 (200.3) of the Code.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill establishes minimum percentages of plant nutrients
18 which must be guaranteed in fertilizers and soil additives
19 before being sold or distributed in this state. This section
20 does not apply to specialty fertilizers.

21 In recent years, a number of fertilizers and soil additives
22 which contain little plant food have been advertised
23 extensively and sold in this state. This bill is designed
24 to correct this problem in bulk fertilizers.

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SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 787

H-5290

- 1 Amend House File 787 as amended and passed by
- 2 the House as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, line 13, by striking the words
- 4 "The section shall not" and insert in lieu thereof:
- 5 "This Act shall neither".
- 6 2. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the
- 7 word "Code" the following: "nor to any fertilizer
- 8 designed to be applied and ordinarily applied dir-
- 9 ectly to growing plant foliage to stimulate further
- 10 growth".

H-5290 FILED
RECEIVED FROM SENATE
FEBRUARY 20, 1976

House concurred 2/20

H-3912

- 1 Amend House File 787 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 4, by striking the words
- 3 "phosphorus (P) or" and inserting in lieu thereof
- 4 the words "phosphoric acid".
- 5 2. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "or
- 6 both".
- 7 3. Page 1, line 6, by striking the word "available"
- 8 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "total".
- 9 4. Page 1, line 7, by striking the word "available"
- 10 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "soluble".
- 11 5. Page 1, line 8, by striking the words
- 12 "potassium (K) or" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 13 word "potash".
- 14 6. Page 1, line 8, by striking the words "or
- 15 both".
- 16 7. Page 1, line 9, by inserting after the second
- 17 word "of" the word "total".
- 18 8. Page 1, line 10, by striking the words
- 19 "phosphorus (P) or" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 20 words "phosphoric acid".
- 21 9. Page 1, line 10, by striking the words "or
- 22 both".
- 23 10. Page 1, line 11, by striking the words
- 24 "potassium (K) or" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 25 word "potash".
- 26 11. Page 1, line 11, by striking the words "or
- 27 both".

H-3912 FILED - *Adopted 5/27 (1955)*
MAY 20, 1975

BY MILLER of Cerro Gordo
VARLEY of Adair
HUSAK of Tama

S-5027

- 1 Amend House File 787 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, Line 11, by striking the word "twenty",
- 3 and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "sixteen".

S-5027 - *Lost 1/28*
FILED
JANUARY 26, 1976

BY KARL NOLIN, CHAIRMAN
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

HOUSE FILE 787

S-5110

- 1 Amend House File 787, as amended and passed by
- 2 the House, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the word
- 4 "Code" the words ", and this section shall not apply
- 5 to any fertilizer designed to be applied and ordinarily
- 6 applied directly to growing plant foliage to stimulate
- 7 further growth".

S-5110 FILED - *Adopted 2/17 (468)*
FEBRUARY 11, 1976 *Reconsidered and*
withdrawn 2/18

BY KENNETH D. SCOTT
BERL E. PRIEBE

HOUSE FILE 787

S-5157

- 1 Amend House File 787 as amended and passed by
- 2 the House as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, line 13, by striking the words
- 4 "The section shall not" and insert in lieu thereof:
- 5 "This Act shall neither".
- 6 2. Page 1, line 15, by inserting after the
- 7 word "Code" the following: "nor to any fertilizer
- 8 designed to be applied and ordinarily applied dir-
- 9 ectly to growing plant foliage to stimulate further
- 10 growth".

S-5157 FILED - *Adopted 2/18 (p. 501)*
FEBRUARY 17, 1976

BY KENNETH D. SCOTT
BERL E. PRIEBE

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HOUSE FILE 787

DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

AN ACT
RELATING TO MINIMUM PERCENTAGES OF PLANT NUTRIENTS IN
FERTILIZERS.

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

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

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 787, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

Section 1. Chapter two hundred (200), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new section:

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

NEW SECTION. No phosphatic fertilizer containing less than eighteen percent available phosphoric acid (P_2O_5), nor any nitrogen fertilizer containing less than fifteen percent total nitrogen (N), nor any potash fertilizer containing less than fifteen percent soluble potash (K_2O), nor any mixed fertilizer in which the sum of the guaranteed analysis of total nitrogen (N), available phosphoric acid (P_2O_5), and soluble potash (K_2O), totals less than twenty percent shall be offered for sale, sold, or distributed in this state. This Act shall neither apply to specialty fertilizers as defined in subsection five (5) of section two hundred point three (200.3) of the Code nor to any fertilizer designed to be

Approved 3/12, 1976

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor