

MAR 16 1989

HOUSE FILE 650

BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Place On Calendar

*Sen. Agri*

*DO PASS 47 89 (p. 1159)* (SUCCESSOR TO HF 463)

Passed House, Date 3-27-89 (p. 1000) Passed Senate, Date 4-10-89 (p. 1200)

Vote: Ayes 94 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 0

Approved May 8, 1989

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to products derived from sorghum, including  
2 labeling requirements, and making a penalty applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23

HF 650

1 Section 1. Section 189.14, Code 1989, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A person shall not package a liquid or  
4 semisolid product, or label the product, as sorghum, imitation  
5 sorghum, or sorghum blend, or use the word "sorghum" in a  
6 prominent location on the label of the product or sell or  
7 offer for sale a product labeled as sorghum, imitation  
8 sorghum, or sorghum blend or which contains a label with the  
9 word "sorghum" prominently displayed, unless the product label  
10 states that the product is sorghum syrup as defined in section  
11 190.1, imitation sorghum, or a sorghum blend. As used in this  
12 subsection, "imitation sorghum" means a product that has the  
13 flavor of sorghum but contains no sorghum syrup as defined in  
14 section 190.1. "Sorghum blend" means a product that is not  
15 entirely sorghum syrup as defined in section 190.1.

16 Sec. 2. Section 190.1, subsection 68, Code 1989, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 68. SORGHUM SYRUP. Sorghum syrup is liquid food derived  
19 by the concentration and heat treatment of the juice of  
20 sorghum cane including sorgo and sorghum vulgare. Sorghum  
21 syrup must contain not less than seventy-four percent by  
22 weight of soluble solids derived solely from juices of sorghum  
23 cane.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides for the labeling of products relating to  
26 sorghum, including sorghum, imitation sorghum, and blended  
27 sorghum. The labeling requirements are based on a definition  
28 of sorghum syrup. The definition requires that sorghum syrup  
29 must contain not less than seventy-four percent by weight of  
30 soluble solids derived solely from juices of sorghum cane. A  
31 person mislabeling a product as sorghum is guilty of a simple  
32 misdemeanor.

33  
34  
35

syrup must contain not less than seventy-four percent by weight of soluble solids derived solely from juices of sorghum cane.

HOUSE FILE 650

AN ACT

RELATING TO PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM SORGHUM, INCLUDING LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND MAKING A PENALTY APPLICABLE.

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

Section 1. Section 189.14, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A person shall not package a liquid or semisolid product, or label the product, as sorghum, imitation sorghum, or sorghum blend, or use the word "sorghum" in a prominent location on the label of the product or sell or offer for sale a product labeled as sorghum, imitation sorghum, or sorghum blend or which contains a label with the word "sorghum" prominently displayed, unless the product label states that the product is sorghum syrup as defined in section 190.1, imitation sorghum, or a sorghum blend. As used in this subsection, "imitation sorghum" means a product that has the flavor of sorghum but contains no sorghum syrup as defined in section 190.1. "Sorghum blend" means a product that is not entirely sorghum syrup as defined in section 190.1.

Sec. 2. Section 190.1, subsection 68, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

68. SORGHUM SYRUP. Sorghum syrup is liquid food derived by the concentration and heat treatment of the juice of sorghum cane including sorgo and sorghum vulgare. Sorghum

\_\_\_\_\_  
DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 650, Seventy-third General Assembly.

Approved  , 1989

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor

HF 650