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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the labeling of Christmas trees and providing
2 penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 159.35 CHRISTMAS TREES.

2 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
3 requires, "Christmas tree" means a tree classified as a
4 conifer with persistent needles, that is sold to consumers on
5 a retail basis for use in celebrating or observing Christmas.

6 2. A precut Christmas tree shall not be sold in this state
7 on and after November 15 but before December 25 of each year,
8 unless a label containing information naming the state where
9 the Christmas tree was harvested is affixed to the tree. If
10 the Christmas tree is harvested in a nation other than the
11 United States, the label shall contain information stating the
12 nation where the Christmas tree was harvested.

13 3. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 17A
14 providing for standards relating to the preparation of labels
15 and information contained on the labels required in this
16 section.

17 4. A violation of this section or a rule adopted by the
18 department pursuant to this section is a violation of section
19 714.16. The remedies and penalties provided by section
20 714.16, including but not limited to provisions relating to
21 injunctive relief and penalties, apply to violations of this
22 section.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill regulates the sales of Christmas trees, which are
25 defined as a conifer with persistent needles, that is sold to
26 consumers on a retail basis for use in celebrating or
27 observing Christmas. The bill provides that a precut
28 Christmas tree shall not be sold in this state on and after
29 November 15 but before December 25 of each year, unless the
30 tree is affixed with a label containing information naming the
31 state where the Christmas tree was harvested. The bill
32 provides that if a Christmas tree is harvested in a nation
33 other than the United States, the label must contain
34 information stating the nation where the Christmas tree was
35 harvested. The department must adopt rules providing for

1 standards relating to the preparation of labels and
2 information contained on the labels as required in this
3 section. A violation of the bill or a rule adopted by the
4 department is a violation of section 714.16. The remedies and
5 penalties provided by section 714.16, including but not
6 limited to provisions relating to injunctive relief and
7 penalties, apply to violations of the bill.

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