Agriculture

HOUSE FILE 423
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		A BILL FOR
1	An	Act relating to the organic nutrient management program, by
2		providing for the allocation of moneys to support odor contro
3		projects.
4	BE	IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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- 1 Section 1. Section 161C.1, Code 1995, is amended by adding
- 2 the following new subsection before subsection 1 and
- 3 renumbering subsequent subsections:
- 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 1. "Animal feeding operation" means a
- 5 lot, yard, corral, building, or other area in which animals
- 6 are confined and fed and maintained for forty-five days or
- 7 more in any twelve-month period, and all structures used for
- 8 the storage of manure from animals in the operation.
- 9 Sec. 2. Section 161C.1, Code 1995, is amended by adding
- 10 the following new subsection:
- 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Confinement feeding operation" means
- 12 an animal feeding operation in which animals are confined to
- 13 areas which are totally roofed.
- 14 Sec. 3. Section 161C.5, subsection 3, Code 1995, is
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 16 3. The fund shall be used to support the organic nutrient
- 17 management program provided in section 161C.6. Moneys shall
- 18 be used to provide financial incentives under the program and
- 19 to pay for expenses incurred by the division in administering
- 20 the program. Not less than five percent of the moneys in the
- 21 fund shall be expended for purposes of supporting tree
- 22 planting projects as provided in section 161C.6. Not more
- 23 than two percent of the moneys shall be used to pay for
- 24 administering the program. Moneys expended for financial
- 25 incentives shall be allocated on a cost-share basis. The
- 26 division may adopt rules to administer this section.
- 27 Sec. 4. Section 161C.6, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
- 28 1995, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 a. The program shall provide financial incentives to
- 30 establish livestock manure management systems to-facilitate
- 31 the-proper-utilization-of-livestock-manure-as-a-nutrient
- 32 source, and to protect the water resources of the state from
- 33 livestock-manure-runoff. Each fiscal year beginning on July 1
- 34 and ending on June 30, the division shall provide financial
- 35 incentives to support projects which reduce odor resulting

- 1 from animal feeding operations, especially confinement feeding
- 2 operations. The division shall establish a tree planting
- 3 project to support the planting of fast-growing trees
- 4 surrounding operations, including manure storage structures
- 5 used as part of the operations. During each fiscal year, the
- 6 division shall provide financial incentives to facilitate the
- 7 proper utilization of livestock manure as a nutrient source,
- 8 and to protect the water resources of the state from livestock
- 9 manure runoff.

10 EXPLANATION

- 11 This bill amends chapter 161C, which, in part, establishes
- 12 an organic nutrient management program which is supported by
- 13 an organic nutrient management fund. The program is
- 14 administered by the soil conservation division of the
- 15 department of agriculture and land stewardship. The purpose
- 16 of the program is to provide financial incentives on a cost-
- 17 share basis with eligible persons, to establish livestock
- 18 manure management systems to facilitate the proper utilization
- 19 of livestock manure as a nutrient source, and to protect the
- 20 water resources of the state from livestock manure runoff. A
- 21 person is eligible to participate in the program, if the
- 22 person is a livestock producer who is an individual or family
- 23 farm entity recognized by the corporate farming law (chapter
- 24 9H).
- This bill provides that projects eligible to be supported
- 26 by the fund include projects which reduce odor resulting from
- 27 animal feeding operations, especially confinement feeding
- 28 operations. The bill also provides that the division must use
- 29 5 percent of moneys in the fund to support the planting of
- 30 fast-growing trees surrounding operations, including manure
- 31 storage structures used as part of the operations.
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