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Agriculture

HOUSE FILE 89
BY TYRRELL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing persons other than veterinarians to implant
2 microchips beneath the skin of animals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 169.4, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. A person from implanting a microchip
4 beneath an animal's skin for purposes of providing information
5 about the animal, including its identity.

6 EXPLANATION

7 Code chapter 169 regulates veterinary practice. According
8 to the chapter, a person is prohibited from practicing
9 veterinary medicine in the state, unless the person is a
10 licensed veterinarian or the holder of a valid temporary
11 permit issued by the board of veterinary medicine. The
12 chapter includes a number of exceptions. This bill adds to
13 those exceptions by providing that a license or permit is not
14 required for implanting a microchip beneath an animal's skin
15 in order to provide information about the animal, including
16 its identity.

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