

# Senate Study Bill 46

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [196.8](#), Code 1997, is amended read as  
1 2 follows:  
1 3 196.8 QUALITY.  
1 4 All eggs offered for sale to an establishment must be no  
1 5 lower than United States department of agriculture consumer  
1 6 grade "B".

~~1 7 Retailers selling eggs at retail must hold eggs at~~

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~~1 9 a temperature not to exceed sixty degrees Fahrenheit or~~

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~~1 11 sixteen degrees Celsius.~~

~~1 12 From the time of candling and~~

~~1 13 grading until they reach the consumer, all eggs designated for~~  
~~1 14 human consumption shall be held at a temperature not to exceed~~  
~~1 15 forty-five degrees Fahrenheit or seven degrees Celsius ambient~~  
~~1 16 temperature. The forty-five degrees Fahrenheit or seven~~  
~~1 17 degrees Celsius ambient temperature requirement applies to any~~  
~~1 18 place or room in which eggs are stored, except inside a~~  
~~1 19 vehicle during transportation where the ambient temperature~~  
~~1 20 may exceed forty-five degrees Fahrenheit or seven degrees~~  
~~1 21 Celsius, provided the temperature taken inside each egg~~  
~~1 22 holding container remains at or below forty-five degrees~~  
~~1 23 Fahrenheit or seven degrees Celsius. All shell eggs shall be~~  
~~1 24 kept from freezing.~~

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### EXPLANATION

1 26 This bill revises the holding temperature required for eggs  
1 27 offered for sale. Currently, Iowa Code section 196.8 requires  
1 28 a maximum temperature for eggs stored prior to retail sale of  
1 29 60 degrees Fahrenheit or 16 degrees Celsius. This differs  
1 30 from the United States Food and Drug Administration and United  
1 31 States Department of Agriculture provisions requiring that  
1 32 storage temperatures for eggs shipped interstate must not  
1 33 exceed 45 degrees Fahrenheit or 7 degrees Celsius. The lower  
1 34 maximum temperature requirement has been imposed on interstate  
1 35 shipping storage based upon the potential for the growth of  
1 36 salmonella enteritidis at higher temperatures. This bill will  
1 37 extend the interstate requirements to eggs shipped intrastate.  
1 38 LSB 1272DP 77  
1 39 rn/jj/8.1