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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that state agencies purchase Iowa agricultural
2 commodities and food derived from Iowa agricultural
3 commodities.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 18.21 IOWA AGRICULTURAL
2 COMMODITIES -- PREFERENCE.

3 1. As used in this section:

4 a. "Agricultural commodity" means a commodity that may be
5 processed into food, including but not limited to livestock,
6 crops, vegetables, nuts, seeds, honey, eggs, or milk existing
7 in an unprocessed state.

8 b. "Iowa agricultural commodity" means an agricultural
9 commodity that is produced on a farm located in this state.

10 2. a. When purchasing agricultural commodities for
11 processing into food, the department shall purchase Iowa
12 agricultural commodities, if the price is reasonably
13 competitive and the quality meets departmental standards.

14 b. When purchasing food, the department shall purchase
15 food that has been processed from Iowa agricultural
16 commodities, if the price is reasonably competitive and the
17 quality meets departmental standards.

18 3. The department shall identify suppliers of Iowa
19 agricultural commodities and food processed from Iowa
20 agricultural commodities in order to comply with this section.
21 This section shall apply to a contractor or subcontractor who
22 is a party to a contract, if the contract provides for the
23 purchase of agricultural commodities on behalf of the
24 department. The department shall include the preference
25 required in this section in publications used to solicit bids
26 from suppliers of agricultural commodities and food.

27 Sec. 2. Section 29A.19, Code 1999, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 29A.19 QUARTERMASTER.

30 1. A present or retired commissioned officer of the
31 national guard who has ten years' service in the Iowa national
32 guard or the Iowa air national guard and has attained the
33 grade of a field officer, shall be detailed to be the
34 quartermaster and property officer of the state, who shall
35 have charge of and be accountable for, under the adjutant

1 general, all state military property. The quartermaster shall
2 keep property returns and reports and give bond to the state
3 of Iowa as the governor may direct.

4 2. When purchasing agricultural commodities for processing
5 into food or processed food, the quartermaster shall comply
6 with the requirements for the purchase of agricultural
7 commodities and food in the same manner required by the
8 department of general services pursuant to section 18.21.

9 Sec. 3. Section 216B.3, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
10 by adding the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 18. Comply with the requirements for the
12 purchase of agricultural commodities and food in the same
13 manner required by the department of general services pursuant
14 to section 18.21.

15 Sec. 4. Section 217.3, Code 1999, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Comply with the requirements for the
18 purchase of agricultural commodities and food in the same
19 manner required by the department of general services pursuant
20 to section 18.21.

21 Sec. 5. Section 260C.19B, Code 1999, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 260C.19B ~~PURCHASE OF BIODEGRADABLE-HYDRAULIC-FLUIDS~~
24 PREFERENCES.

25 1. Hydraulic fluids purchased by or used under the
26 direction of the board of directors to provide services to a
27 merged area shall be purchased in compliance with the
28 preference requirements for purchasing biodegradable hydraulic
29 fluids as provided pursuant to section 18.22.

30 2. Agricultural commodities for processing into food or
31 processed food purchased under the direction of the board of
32 directors for a merged area shall comply with the requirements
33 established for the department of general services under
34 section 18.21.

35 Sec. 6. Section 262.9, Code Supplement 1999, is amended by

1 adding the following new subsection:

2 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Comply with the requirements for the
3 purchase of agricultural commodities and processed food in the
4 same manner required by the department of general services
5 pursuant to section 18.21.

6 Sec. 7. Section 307.21, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
7 by adding the following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. Comply with the requirements for the
9 purchase of agricultural commodities and processed food in the
10 same manner required by the department of general services
11 pursuant to section 18.21.

12 Sec. 8. Section 904.312, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
13 1999, is amended to read as follows:

14 The director shall ~~whenever~~ do all of the following:

15 1. Whenever technically feasible, purchase and use
16 degradable loose foam packing material manufactured from grain
17 starches or other renewable resources, unless the cost of the
18 packing material is more than ten percent greater than the
19 cost of packing material made from nonrenewable resources.
20 For the purposes of this subsection, "packing material" means
21 material, other than an exterior packing shell, that is used
22 to stabilize, protect, cushion, or brace the contents of a
23 package.

24 2. Comply with the requirements for the purchase of
25 agricultural commodities and processed food in the same manner
26 required by the department of general services pursuant to
27 section 18.21.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides that when purchasing agricultural
30 commodities for processing into food, state agencies must
31 purchase Iowa agricultural commodities, and when purchasing
32 food, state agencies must purchase food that has been
33 processed from Iowa agricultural commodities. The bill
34 provides that this requirement applies only if the price is
35 reasonably competitive, sources for the agricultural

1 commodities or food are available, and the quality of the
2 agricultural commodities or food meets agency standards. The
3 bill requires state agencies that are involved in purchases to
4 identify suppliers of Iowa agricultural commodities and food
5 processed from Iowa agricultural commodities. The bill
6 applies to persons acting under contract with the state
7 agency. It also requires that the agency include the
8 preference in publications used to solicit bids from suppliers
9 of agricultural commodities and food.

10 The state agencies affected include the department of
11 general services, the Iowa national guard, the department for
12 the blind, the department of human services, community
13 colleges, the state board of regents, the state department of
14 transportation, and the department of corrections.

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