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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the application of manure near drinking water
2 wells.

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

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HF 2298

1 Section 1. Section 455B.204A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 The department shall adopt rules relating to the ~~disposal~~
4 application of manure in close proximity to a designated area.
5 A Except as provided in this section, a person shall not
6 dispose-of apply manure on cropland within two hundred feet
7 from of a designated area, unless. Manure may be applied
8 within two hundred feet of a designated area other than a
9 drinking water well if one of the following applies:

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill amends Code section 455B.204A which provides
12 separation distance requirements for the application of manure
13 within a designated area which includes a known sinkhole,
14 cistern, abandoned well, unplugged agricultural drainage well,
15 agricultural drainage well surface inlet, drinking water well,
16 lake, farm pond, or privately owned lake. An exception exists
17 if manure is applied by injection or incorporation within 24
18 hours following the application or an area of permanent
19 vegetation cover exists for 50 feet surrounding the designated
20 area. This bill provides that the exceptions do not apply to
21 manure applied within 200 feet of a drinking water well. A
22 person who violates the part of the Code chapter regulating
23 water quality is, according to Code section 455B.191, subject
24 to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000. A person
25 classified as a habitual violator under that section is
26 subject to a civil penalty of \$25,000.

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