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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the identification of swine for purposes of  
2 providing payment to sellers by packers and making a penalty  
3 applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 172A.1, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "Buyer" means a dealer or broker or  
4 an agent.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. "Concentration point" means a  
6 location or facility where livestock are assembled for  
7 purchase by a dealer or broker for slaughtering, including but  
8 not limited to a stockyard, auction market, or buying station.

9 Sec. 2. Section 172A.9, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
10 the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. If a buyer purchasing swine at a  
12 concentration point for slaughter promises to pay a price for  
13 the swine based on attributes or characteristics of the swine  
14 to be determined at a future time, the buyer shall maintain  
15 records that match the swine to the seller of that swine. The  
16 buyer shall place information identifying the seller on each  
17 swine sold. The information may be in the form of a symbol or  
18 color. The information may appear as a tag, stain, or mark  
19 other than a brand as provided in chapter 169A. The  
20 information shall not be removed or obscured by any person  
21 until the seller accepts payment or the animal is slaughtered,  
22 whichever occurs first.

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#### EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends Code chapter 172A, which regulates  
25 livestock packers referred to as dealers or brokers and their  
26 agents. This bill refers to these persons as "buyers".

27 The bill provides that when a buyer purchases swine at a  
28 concentration point such as buying station, and promises to  
29 pay a price for the swine based on attributes or  
30 characteristics of the swine to be determined at a future  
31 time, the buyer must maintain records which match the swine to  
32 the seller.

33 The bill requires the buyer to place information  
34 identifying the seller on each swine sold. The bill provides  
35 that the information may appear as a tag, stain, or mark other

1 than a brand. The bill provides that information cannot be  
2 removed or obscured until the seller accepts payment or the  
3 animal is slaughtered, whichever occurs earlier.

4 | Code section 172A.10 provides that a person convicted of  
5 violating any provision of chapter 172A is guilty of a serious  
6 misdemeanor.

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