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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the development of clean air standards for  
2 animal feeding operations and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.166 CLEAN AIR STANDARDS.

2 The department shall develop comprehensive plans and  
3 programs for the abatement, control, and prevention of  
4 airborne pollutants originating from animal feeding  
5 operations. The department shall require animal feeding  
6 operations to comply with standards necessary in order to  
7 protect the public health and welfare. The department may  
8 establish schedules for compliance. The standards may vary  
9 based on the animal weight capacity of the animal feeding  
10 operation and the distance from an object or location for  
11 which a separation distance is required pursuant to section  
12 455B.163. The standards, to every extent practicable, shall  
13 apply to dust and gases containing compounds which produce  
14 odor or may have a deleterious effect upon human health,  
15 including but not limited to hydrogen sulfide, ammonia,  
16 methane, and any class of mercaptan. The standards shall not  
17 apply to small animal feeding operations.

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EXPLANATION

19 This bill amends a part of Code chapter 455B which  
20 regulates air quality of animal feeding operations by the  
21 department of natural resources. The bill requires the  
22 department to develop comprehensive plans and programs for the  
23 abatement, control, and prevention of air pollutants  
24 originating from animal feeding operations. The bill provides  
25 that the standards may vary based on the animal weight  
26 capacity of the animal feeding operation and the distance from  
27 an object or location for which a separation distance is  
28 required pursuant to Code section 455B.163, such as a home,  
29 church, or park. The bill provides that the standards, to  
30 every extent practicable, must apply to dust and gases  
31 containing compounds which produce odor or may have a  
32 deleterious effect upon human health, including but not  
33 limited to hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, methane, and any class  
34 of mercaptan. The bill provides that the standards do not  
35 apply to small animal feeding operations. Code section

1 455B.109 provides that a person violating requirements  
2 contained in the bill is subject to a civil penalty of  
3 \$10,000.

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