

SENATE FILE 2189
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act restricting sales charges associated with the genetic
2 modification of seeds and making a penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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AGRICULTURE

1 Section 1. Section 199.1, Code 1999, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "Genetically engineered" means to
4 alter the genetic characteristics of agricultural seed by
5 modifying the deoxyribonucleic acid of the agricultural seed
6 in a manner other than by pollination.

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 6B. "Genetically modified crop seed"
8 means agricultural seed used to produce a crop as defined in
9 section 202.1, if the agricultural seed has been genetically
10 engineered.

11 Sec. 2. Section 199.8, Code 1999, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A person shall not sell or offer to
14 sell genetically modified crop seed in this state if the
15 person includes in the sales price any charges associated with
16 genetically engineering the seed.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill amends Code chapter 199, which regulates the sale
19 of seed including agricultural seed. The bill amends Code
20 section 199.8, which lists a number of illegal activities, by
21 prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell
22 genetically modified crop seed in this state if the person
23 includes in the sales price any charges associated with
24 genetically engineering the seed. Code section 199.9 provides
25 a number of exceptions, including seeds which are not sown. A
26 person who violates Code section 199.8 is guilty of a simple
27 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by
28 confinement for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50
29 but not more than \$500 or by both.

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