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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 confinement feeding 5 operations. The department shall require confinement 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 confinement feeding 10 operation and the distance from an object or location for 11 which a separation distance is required pursuant to section 12 455B.162. 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. 18 **EXPLANATION** This bill amends a part of Code chapter 455B which 19 20 regulates air quality of confinement 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 confinement feeding operations. 25 provides that the standards may vary based on the animal 26 weight capacity of the confinement feeding operation and the 27 distance from an object or location for which a separation 28 distance is required pursuant to Code section 455B.162, such 29 as a home, church, or park. The bill provides that the 30 standards, to every extent practicable, must apply to dust and 31 gases 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

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1 455B.109 provides that a person violating requirements
 2 contained in the bill is subject to a civil penalty of
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HOUSE FILE 207 FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for **House File 207** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

SUMMARY

House File 207 adds requirements for regulating air quality of confinement feeding operations. This includes the development of comprehensive plans to protect public health and welfare.

ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. The estimated cost for an additional FTE position to regulate air quality for animal confinement operations is \$50,000 per year for salary and benefits. An additional 3.00 FTE positions would be needed for FY 2002, and 10.00 FTE positions would be needed for FY 2003 and subsequent years.
- The cost to purchase ambient monitoring equipment is \$148,000 for FY 2002 and \$235,000 for FY 2003.
- 3. The cost to purchase supplies, computers, and other support items is \$14,000 for FY 2002 and \$68,000 for FY 2003.
- 4. The cost to contract with the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory to establish field procedures and train staff is \$187,000 for FY 2002 and \$833,00 for FY 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated FY 2002 impact of House File 207 is an increase of \$499,000 in General Fund expenditures and 3.00 FTE positions. The estimated expenditures for FY 2003 and subsequent years is \$1.6 million.

SOURCE

Department of Natural Resources

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