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SENATE FILE 288
BY BRUNKHORST

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the animal unit capacity of pullets for
2 purposes of regulation under the animal agriculture compliance
3 Act.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 459.102, subsection 6, paragraph i,
2 Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

- 3 i. ~~Broiler-or-layer-chickens~~ Chickens weighing twenty ounces
- 4 or more 0.010
- 5 j. Chickens weighing less than twenty ounces 0.0025

6 EXPLANATION

7 BACKGROUND. This bill relates to provisions under the
8 "Animal Agriculture Compliance Act", relating to the
9 regulation of animal feeding operations by the department of
10 natural resources (DNR) which were amended, enacted, and
11 consolidated in Code chapter 459 during the 2002 legislative
12 sessions pursuant to Senate File 2293 and House File 2627
13 (2002 Iowa Acts, ch. 1137, and 2002 Iowa Acts, Second
14 Extraordinary Session, ch. 1003).

15 ANIMAL UNIT CAPACITY. Regulations affecting confinement
16 feeding operations are often based on size. Senate File 2293
17 replaced animal weight capacity with animal unit capacity as a
18 means of measuring size. An animal unit is a number based
19 upon the product of multiplying the number of animals of each
20 category by a special equivalency factor. Categories are
21 established based on species. However, the section sometimes
22 divides categories for a single species based on maturity or
23 weight. Slaughter or feeder cattle equal 1 animal unit,
24 immature dairy cattle equal 1 animal unit, mature dairy cattle
25 equal 1.4 animal unit, butcher or breeding swine weighing more
26 than 55 pounds equal 0.4 animal unit, swine weighing between
27 15 and 55 pounds equal 0.1 animal unit, sheep or lambs equal
28 0.1 animal unit, horses equal 2 animal units, turkeys equal
29 0.018 animal unit, chickens, both broiler and layer, equal
30 0.010 animal unit.

31 PROVISIONS OF THIS BILL. This bill creates another
32 distinction for poultry. It retains the equivalency factor
33 for chickens at 0.010 but provides that the category does not
34 apply to chickens weighing less than 20 ounces. The bill
35 provides a new equivalency factor for those chickens,

1 sometimes referred to as pullets (0.0025 animal unit).

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