Senate Study Bill 1142

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____ OF BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP BILL)

```
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays ____ Vote: Ayes ____ Nays ___
                                               A BILL FOR
  1 An Act relating to the regulation of the grain industry, and
     making penalties applicable.
  3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
  4 TLSB 1224DP 80
  5 da/cl/14
PAG LIN
                                        DIVISION I
              REGULATION OF GRAIN DEALER AND WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS
  1 2
  1 3 Section 1. Section 200.1,
1 4 the following new subsections:
           Section 1. Section 203.1, Code 2003, is amended by adding
           NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Check" means a paper instrument used
  1
     6 for ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial
      7 institution to make payment or credit a presenter's account
  1 8 and debit the issuer's account. "Check" includes instruments
1 9 commonly referred to as a check, draft, share draft, or other
1 10 negotiable instrument for the payment of money. An instrument
1 11 may be a check even though it is described on its face by
  1 12 another term, such as "money order".
  1 13 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 4A. "Electronic funds transfer" means a 1 14 remote electronic transmission used for ordering, instructing,
  1 15 or authorizing a financial institution to pay money to or
  1 16 credit the account of the payee and debit the account of the
  1 17 payer. The remote electronic transmission may be initiated by 1 18 telephone, terminal, computer, or similar device.
1 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. "Person" means the same as defined in
  1 20 section 4.1 and includes a business association as defined in 1 21 section 9H.1 or joint or common venture regardless of whether 1 22 it is organized under a chapter of the Code.
  1 23
            Sec. 2. Section 203.1, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code
  1 24 2003, is amended to read as follows:
         a. The making of a payment by use of a financial
  1 26 instrument which is a check, share draft, draft, or written
    27 order on a financial institution or electronic funds transfer,
  1 28 and a financial institution refuses payment on the instrument
  1 29 because of insufficient \frac{1}{1} moneys in a grain dealer's
  1 30 account.
            Sec. 3. Section 203.4, Code 2003, is amended to read as
  1 31
  1 32 follows:
  1 33 203.4 PARTICIPATION IN INDEMNITY FUND REQUIRED.
           A person grain dealer licensed or required to be licensed
    34
  1 35 to operate as a grain dealer under this chapter pursuant to
       section 203.3 shall participate in and comply with the grain
      2 depositors and sellers indemnity fund provided in chapter
  2
     3 203D.
           Sec. 4. Section 203.8, Code 2003, is amended to read as
  2
     5 follows:
  2
            203.8 PAYMENT.
            1. a. A person grain dealer licensed or required to be
  2
     8 licensed as a grain dealer pursuant to section 203.3 shall pay
     9 the purchase price to the owner or the owner's agent seller
  2 10 for grain upon delivery or demand of by the owner or agent
  2 11 <u>seller</u>, but not later than thirty days after delivery by the
  2 12 owner or agent seller unless in accordance with the terms of a
  2 13 credit=sale contract that satisfies the requirements of this
  2 14 chapter. The department shall adopt rules for payment by
  2 15 check and electronic funds transfer.
2 16 b. A grain dealer licensed or required to be licensed
2 17 pursuant to section 203.3 shall not hold a check for the
  2 18 purchase of grain more than five days after the grain dealer
```

<u>2 21 seller's last known address.</u> 2 22 <u>2.</u> As used in this section, "delivery":

19 issues a check to the seller. After that date, the grain 20 dealer shall deliver the check in person or by mail to the

2 23 "Delivery" means the transfer of title to and 2 24 possession of grain by the a seller to the a grain dealer or 2 25 to another person in accordance with the agreement of the 26 seller and the grain dealer; and "payment".
27 <u>b. "Payment"</u> means the actual payment or tender of payment 2 27 2 28 by the a grain dealer to the a seller of the agreed purchase 2 29 price, or in the case of disputes as to sales of grain, the 2 30 undisputed portion of the purchase price without reduction for 2 31 any separate claim of the grain dealer against the seller. 2 32 Sec. 5. Section 203.9, Code 2003, is amended to read as 2 33 follows: 2 34 203.9 INSPECTION OF PREMISES, BOOKS AND RECORDS == RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS. The department may inspect the premises used by any 2 grain dealer in the conduct of the dealer's business at any 3 time, and the. The department may inspect a grain dealer's 4 books, accounts, records, and papers of every grain dealer 5 which that pertain to grain purchases are subject to 6 inspection by the department transactions during ordinary 3 7 business hours. The department shall cause the business 8 premises and books, accounts, inspect a grain dealer's 9 records, and papers of every grain dealer to be inspected at 3 10 least once each eighteen-month period without justification. 3 11 The department shall prioritize inspections based on the 3 12 system provided in section 203.22. The department may use a 3 13 risk rating produced by a statistical model provided in 3 14 section 203.22 as justification to conduct an inspection. 3 15 A transporter of grain in transit shall possess bills of 3 16 lading or other documents covering the grain, and shall 3 17 present them to any law enforcement officer or to a person 18 designated as an enforcement officer under section 203.13 on 3 19 demand. If there is justification to believe that a person 3 20 grain dealer is engaged without a license in the business of a grain dealer in this state as required pursuant to section 203.3, the department may inspect the books, papers, and grain 3 23 dealer's records of the person which pertain to grain 3 24 purchases transactions at any time.
3 25 2. If the a grain dealer does not maintain a place of 3 26 business in this state, the department is not required to 3 27 inspect the business premises of the grain dealer, and the 3 28 <u>grain dealer's records.</u> A grain dealer shall submit all 3 29 books, the grain dealer's records and papers relating to grain 3 30 transactions occurring within this state to the department for 3 31 purposes of an inspection required or permitted under as provided in this section at any reasonable time and place, 3 33 including the offices of the department during regular 3 34 business hours, as ordered by the department or the 35 administrator of the warehouse bureau. A grain dealer shall keep complete and accurate records. A grain dealer shall keep records for the previous 3 six years. If the grain dealer's records are incomplete or 4 inaccurate, the department may reconstruct the grain dealer's 5 records in order to determine whether the grain dealer is in 6 compliance with the provisions of this chapter. The 7 department may charge the grain dealer the actual cost 8 reconstructing the grain dealer's records, which shall be 4 9 considered repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2.
4 10 Sec. 6. Section 203.10, Code 2003, is amended by striking
4 11 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 203.10 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE. 4 13 The department may issue an order to suspend or revoke the 4 14 license of a grain dealer who violates a provision of this 4 15 chapter, including a rule adopted under this chapter, as 4 16 provided in chapter 17A. If a grain dealer fails to consent 17 to a departmental inspection or cooperate with the department 4 18 during an inspection as provided in section 203.9, the 4 19 department may issue an order to immediately suspend or revoke 4 20 the grain dealer's license pursuant to section 17A.18. 7. Section 203.11, subsection 2, Code 2003, is 21 Sec. amended to read as follows: 4 2.2 4 23 2. <u>a.</u> A Except as provided in paragraph "b", a person who engages commits a serious misdemeanor if the person does any of the following: 4 26 (1) Engages in business as a grain dealer without 4 27 obtaining a license, or who refuses to permit <u>as required in</u> section 203.3. (2) Obstructs an inspection of licensed the person's 30 business premises, or books, accounts, or records, or other 31 documents required to be kept by this chapter, or who uses a 4 32 grain dealer pursuant to section 203.9.

(3) Uses a scale ticket, or credit=sale contract that

34 fails to satisfy requirements established by the department 35 commits a serious misdemeanor, except that a in violation of this chapter or a requirement established by the department under this chapter.

8

9

17

5 27

5

6

6 6

6

6

6

6

6 32

6 34 6

7 2

5

6

6 15

b. A person who commits any of these offenses an offense specified in paragraph "a" after having been found guilty of the same offense commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. Section 203.15, subsections 1 through 4, 2003, are amended to read as follows:

1. A grain dealer shall not purchase grain by a credit= sale contract except as provided in this section.

1. The grain dealer shall be licensed pursuant to section 5 10 203.3. All of the following shall apply to a grain dealer required to be licensed under that section who purchases grain by credit=sale contract:

2. a. A The grain dealer shall give written notice to the 5 15 department prior to engaging in the purchase of grain by 5 16 credit=sale contracts <u>contract</u>. Notice shall be on forms provided by the department. The notice shall contain 5 18 information required by the department.

3. b. All credit=sale contract forms in the possession of 5 20 a the grain dealer shall have been permanently and 5 21 consecutively numbered at the time of printing of the forms. 22 A The grain dealer shall maintain an accurate record of all 23 credit=sale contract forms and numbers obtained by that 5 24 dealer. The record shall include the disposition of each $5\ 25\ \text{numbered form, whether by execution, destruction, or}$ 5 26 otherwise.

4. c. A The grain dealer who purchases grain by credit= 5 28 sale contracts contract shall maintain books, records, and $\frac{5}{29}$ other documents as required by the department to establish in $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 30 compliance with this section.

Sec. 9. Section 203.15, subsection 6, Code 2003, is 5 32 amended to read as follows:

6. Title to all grain sold by a credit=sale contract is in the purchasing grain dealer as of the time the contract is 35 executed, unless the contract provides otherwise. The 1 contract must be signed <u>and dated</u> by both parties and executed 2 in duplicate. One copy shall be retained by the grain dealer 3 and one copy shall be delivered to the seller. Upon 4 revocation, termination, or cancellation of $\frac{1}{2}$ the grain $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 <u>dealer's</u> license, the payment date for all credit=sale 6 contracts shall be advanced to a date not later than thirty 7 days after the effective date of the revocation, termination, 8 or cancellation, and the purchase price for all unpriced grain 9 shall be determined as of the effective date of revocation, 6 10 termination, or cancellation in accordance with all other 11 provisions of the contract. However, if the business of the 6 12 grain dealer is sold to another licensed grain dealer, credit= 6 13 sale contracts may be assigned to the purchaser of the 6 14 business.

Sec. 10. Section 203.15, subsection 8, paragraph f, Code 6 16 2003, is amended to read as follows:

f. The grain dealer has made payment by use of a financial 6 17 instrument which is a check, share draft, draft, or written order on a financial institution or electronic funds transfer, 6 20 and a financial institution refuses payment on the instrument 6 21 because of insufficient funds in a grain dealer's account. 6 22 Sec. 11. Section 203.15, subsection 9, Code 2003, is Sec. 11. Section 203.15, subsection 9, Code 2003, is 6 23 amended to read as follows:

6 24 9. A licensed grain dealer who purchases grain by credit= 25 sale contract shall obtain from the seller a signed 6 26 acknowledgment stating that the seller has received notice 6 27 that grain purchased by credit=sale contract is not protected 6 28 by the grain depositors and sellers indemnity fund. The form 6 29 for the acknowledgment shall be prescribed by the department, 6 30 and the licensed grain dealer and the seller shall each be 6 31 provided a copy.

Sec. 12. Section 203.17, subsection 2, Code 2003, is 33 amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 13. Section 203C.1, subsection 2, Code 2003, is 35 amended to read as follows:

2. "Bond" means a bond issued by a surety company or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution described in subsection 25.

Sec. 14. Section 203C.1, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 3A. "Check" means the same as defined in section 203.1.

NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "Electronic funds transfer" means the 9 same as defined in section 203.1.

7 10 Sec. 15. Section 203C.1, subsection 7A, paragraph a, Code 7 11 2003, is amended to read as follows:

7 12 a. The making of a payment by use of a financial 13 instrument which is a check, share draft, draft, or written 14 order on a financial institution or electronic funds transfer, 7 15 and a financial institution refuses payment on the instrument 7 16 because of insufficient funds in the warehouse operator's 7 17 account.

Section 203C.1, subsection 18, Code 2003, is Sec. 16. $7\ 19$ amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu 7 20 thereof the following:

7 21

7 25

29

8

8

8

8

8 23 records.

8 24

8

8

9 9

18. "Person" means the same as defined in section 4.1 and 7 22 includes a business association as defined in section 9H.1 or 23 a joint or common venture regardless of whether it is 7 24 organized under a chapter of the Code.

Section 203C.2, Code 2003, is amended to read as Sec. 17. 26 follows:

7 2.7 203C.2 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT == OPERATOR 28 RECORDKEEPING.

1. The department shall administer this chapter and may 7 30 exercise general supervision over the storage, warehousing, 7 31 classifying according to grade or otherwise, weighing, and 7 32 certification of agricultural products.

33 2. The department may inspect or cause to be inspected any 34 warehouse including warehouse records as provided in this <u>35 section</u>. Inspections may be made at times and for purposes as the department determines. Except as provided in section 203C.6, the department shall cause inspect every licensed 3 warehouse and its contents to be inspected once in every 4 twelve-month period twelve months. The department shall 5 prioritize inspections based on the system provided in section 6 203C.40. The department may require the filing of reports 7 relating to a warehouse or its operation.

8 8 8 A licensed warehouse operator operating a licensed 9 warehouse shall provide for complete and correct
10 recordkeeping. The records shall account for the storage and withdrawal of all agricultural products handled in each 12 warehouse which the warehouse operator is licensed to operate. 8 13 The records shall include all original and duplicate receipts 8 14 issued by, returned to, and canceled by the warehouse 15 operator. A licensed warehouse operator shall keep records 16 for the previous six years. If the licensed warehouse 8 17 operator's records are incomplete or inaccurate, the 8 18 department may reconstruct the warehouse operator's records in 8 19 order to determine whether the warehouse operator is in 20 compliance with the provisions of this chapter. The 21 department may charge the licensed warehouse operator the 22 actual cost for reconstructing the warehouse operator's

<u>b.</u> If upon inspection <u>of a warehouse</u> a deficiency is found 8 25 to exist as to the quantity or quality of agricultural 8 26 products stored, as indicated on the warehouse operator's 8 27 books and records according to official grain standards, the 8 28 department may require an employee of the department to remain 29 at the licensed warehouse and supervise all operations 8 30 involving agricultural products stored there under this
8 31 chapter until the deficiency is corrected. The charge for the 32 cost of maintaining an employee of the department at a 33 warehouse to supervise the correction of a deficiency is one 34 hundred fifty dollars per day.

1 The department may make available to the United States 1 government, or any of its agencies, including the commodity 2 credit corporation, the results of inspections made and 3 inspection reports submitted to it by employees of the 4 department, upon payment to it of charges as determined by the 5 department, but the charges shall not be less than the actual 6 cost of services rendered, as determined by the department. The department may enter into contracts and agreements for 8 such purpose and shall keep a record of all money thus 9 received. All such money shall be paid over to the treasurer 10 of state as miscellaneous receipts.

9 11 $\underline{4}$. The department may classify any warehouse in accordanc 9 12 with its suitability for the storage of agricultural products The department may classify any warehouse in accordance 9 13 and shall specify in any license issued for the operation of a 9 14 warehouse the only type or types and the quantity of 9 15 agricultural products which may be stored in the warehouse. 9 16 The department may prescribe, within the limitations of this 9 17 chapter, the duties of licensed warehouse operators with 9 18 respect to the care of and responsibility for the contents of 19 licensed warehouses. Grain grades shall be determined under 9 20 the official grain standards. The department may from time to 9 21 time publish data in connection with the administration of 9 22 this chapter as may be of public interest. The department 9 23 shall administer this chapter.

9 24 Moneys received by the department in administering this 25 section shall be considered repayment receipts as defined in 9 26 section 8.2.

Sec. 18. Section 203C.10, Code 2003, is amended by 9 28 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the 9 29 following:

> SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE. 203C.10

9 30

9 10

10

10

10 10

10

10

10

10

10

11

11 11

11

11 6

11

11

11

7

9

The department may issue an order to suspend or revoke the 9 32 license of a warehouse operator who violates a provision of 9 33 this chapter, including a rule adopted under this chapter, as 34 provided in chapter 17A. If a warehouse operator fails to 35 consent to a departmental inspection during an inspection as 1 provided in section 203C.2, the department may issue an order 2 to immediately suspend or revoke the grain dealer's license 3 pursuant to section 17A.18.

Sec. 19. Section 203C.36, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2003, 5 are amended to read as follows:

- 1. A person who knowingly withholds information from or 7 knowingly submits false information to the department or any 8 of its employees in a document or a book, account, or record 9 required to be submitted or maintained or submitted to the 10 department under this chapter commits a fraudulent practice as 10 11 provided in chapter 714.
- 10 12 2. <u>a.</u> A <u>Except as provided in paragraph "b", a</u> person who 13 engages commits a serious misdemeanor if the person does any 14 of the following:
- (1) Engages in business as a warehouse operator without 10 15 10 16 obtaining a license, or who refuses to permit as required in 17 section 203C.6.
- 10 18 (2) Obstructs the inspection of licensed the person's 10 19 business premises, or books, accounts, or records or other 10 20 documents required to be kept by this chapter, or who uses a 10 21 licensed warehouse operator pursuant to section 203C.2.
- 10 22 (3) Uses a scale ticket, warehouse receipt, or other 10 23 document which fails to satisfy requirements established by 10 24 the department commits a serious misdemeanor, except that a in 10 25 violation of this chapter or requirements established by the 10 26 department under this chapter.

 10 27 b. A person who saw in the chapter.
- b. A person who commits any of these offenses an offense 10 28 specified in paragraph "a" after having been found guilty of 10 29 the same offense commits an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 10 30 Sec. 20. Section 203C.39, subsection 3, Code 2003, is 10 31 amended to read as follows:
- 3. A licensed warehouse operator shall not accept may 10 32 33 transfer grain for storage from to another licensed warehouse 34 operator while such the warehouse operator receiving such 10 10 35 grain has grain stored elsewhere under the provisions of this 11 section.
 - Section 203.13, Code 2003, is repealed. Sec. 21. Sec. 22. Section 203C.35, Code 2003, is repealed. DIVISION II

ELIMINATION OF REGULATIONS FOR GRAIN BARGAINING AGENTS Sec. 23. Section 159.6, subsection 12, Code 2003, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 24. Section 189.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

11 10 For the purpose of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 11 11 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, unless the context otherwise 11 12 requires: 11 13

Sec. 25. Section 189.1, subsections 1 and 6, Code 2003, 11 14 are amended to read as follows:

- 1. "Article" includes food, commercial feed, agricultural seed, commercial fertilizer, drug, insecticide, fungicide, 11 15 11 16 paint, linseed oil, turpentine, and illuminating oil, in the sense in which they are defined in the various provisions of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, 11 17 11 18 11 19 11 20 and 208.
- 6. "Person" includes a corporation, company, firm, 11 21 11 22 society, or association; and the act, omission, or conduct of 11 23 any officer, agent, or other person acting in a representative 11 24 capacity shall be imputed to the organization or person 11 25 represented, and the person acting in that capacity shall also 11 26 be liable for violations of this subtitle, excluding chapters 11 27
- 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and 208. 11 28 Sec. 26. Section 189.2, subsections 2 through 4, Code 11 29 2003, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 30 2. Make and publish all necessary rules, not inconsistent 11 31 with law, for enforcing the provisions of this subtitle,

```
11 32 excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208.
           3. Provide educational measures and exhibits, and conduct
11 33
11 34 educational campaigns as are deemed advisable in fostering and
   35 promoting the production and sale of the articles dealt with 1 in this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D,
12
12
       207, and 208, in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to
12
     3
       this subtitle.
12
           4. Issue from time to time, bulletins showing the results
12
       of inspections, analyses, and prosecutions under this
       subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and
12
     6
    7 208. These bulletins shall be printed in such numbers as may 8 be approved by the state printing administrator and shall be
12
12
12
    9
       distributed to the newspapers of the state and to all
12 10
       interested persons.
12 11
           Sec. 27.
                      Section 189.3, Code 2003, is amended to read as
12 12
       follows:
12 13
           189.3
                   PROCURING SAMPLES.
12 14
           The department shall, for the purpose of examination or
       analysis, procure from time to time, or whenever the
12 15
12 16 department has occasion to believe any of the provisions of 12 17 this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 20
12 18 and 208, are being violated, samples of the articles dealt
12 19 with in these provisions which have been shipped into this
12 20 state, offered or exposed for sale, or sold in the state.
12 21 Sec. 28. Section 189.4, Code 2003, is amended to read as
12 22
       follows:
           189.4 ACCESS TO FACTORIES AND BUILDINGS. The department shall have full access to all places,
12 23
12 24
12 25 factories, buildings, stands, or premises, and to all wagons,
12 26 auto trucks, vehicles, or cars used in the preparation,
12 27 production, distribution, transportation, offering or exposing 12 28 for sale, or sale of any article dealt with in this subtitle, 12 29 excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208.
           Sec. 29. Section 189.5, Code 2003, is amended to read as
12 30
12 31
       follows:
12 32
           189.5
                   DEALER TO FURNISH SAMPLES.
12 33
           Upon request and tender of the selling price by the
12 34 department any person who prepares, manufactures, offers or
12 35 exposes for sale, or delivers to a purchaser any article dealt
13
       with in this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C,
       203D, 207, and 208, shall furnish, within business hours, a sample of the same, sufficient in quantity for a proper
13
13
13
       analysis or examination as shall be provided by the rules of
13
    5
       the department.
13
           Sec. 30.
                      Section 189.6, Code 2003, is amended to read as
     6
13
     7
       follows:
13
    8
           189.6
                   TAKING OF SAMPLES.
13
           The department may, without the consent of the owner,
13 10 examine or open any package containing, or believed to
13 11 contain, any article or product which it suspects may be
13 12 prepared, manufactured, offered, or exposed for sale, sold, or 13 13 held in possession in violation of the provisions of this
13 14 subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 13 15 208, in order to secure a sample for analysis or examination,
13 16
       and the sample and damage to container shall be paid for at
13 17
       the current market price out of the contingent fund of the
13 18 department.
           Sec. 31.
13 19
                       Section 189.8, Code 2003, is amended to read as
13 20
       follows:
13 21
           189.8
                   WITNESSES.
           In the enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle,
13 22
13 23 excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, the
13 24 department shall have power to issue subpoenas for witnesses,
13 25 enforce their attendance, and examine them under oath.
13 26 witnesses shall be allowed the same fees as witnesses in
13 27
       district court. The fees shall be paid out of the contingent
13 28 fund of the department.
13 29
           Sec. 32. Section 189.9, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003,
       is amended to read as follows:
13 30
13 31
          All articles in package or wrapped form which are required
13 32 by this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D,
13 33
       207, and 208, to be labeled, unless otherwise provided, shall
13 34 be conspicuously marked in the English language in legible
13 35
       letters of not less than eight point heavy gothic caps on the
       principal label with the following items:
Sec. 33. Section 189.13, Code 2003, is amended to read as
14
14
```

follows: 189.13 FALSE LABELS == DEFACEMENT.

14

14

14 14 A person shall not use any label required by this subtitle, 6 excluding chapters 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, which 7 bears any representations of any kind which are deceptive as

```
14
    8 to the true character of the article or the place of its
    9 production, or which has been carelessly printed or marked,
14
14 10 nor shall any person erase or deface any label required by
14 11 this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207,
14 12 and 208.
14 13
          Sec. 34. Section 189.14, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
14 14 amended to read as follows:
14 15
           1. A person shall not knowingly introduce into this state,
14 16 solicit orders for, deliver, transport, or have in possession 14 17 with intent to sell, any article which is labeled in any other
14 18 manner than that prescribed by this subtitle, excluding 14 19 chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, for the label of 14 20 the article when offered or exposed for sale, or sold in
14 21
       package or wrapped form in this state.
14 22
           Sec. 35. Section 189.15, Code 2003, is amended to read as
14 23
       follows:
14 24
           189.15 ADULTERATED ARTICLES.
14 25
           A person shall not knowingly manufacture, introduce into
       the state, solicit orders for, sell, deliver, transport, have in possession with the intent to sell, or offer or expose for
14 26
14 27
14 28
       sale, any article which is adulterated according to the
       provisions of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 203A,
14 29
14 30
       203C, 203D, 207, and 208.
       Sec. 36. Section 189.16, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
14 31
14 32
14 33
           a. Grain by a person regulated under chapter 203, <del>203A,</del>
14 34
       203C, or 203D.
14 35
           Sec. 37. Section 189.19, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
       2003, is amended to read as follows:
15
           The following provisions apply to all licenses issued or
15
       authorized under this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and 208:
15
15
15
          Sec. 38.
                      Section 189.19, subsection 2, Code 2003, is
15
    6
       amended to read as follows:
              REFUSAL AND REVOCATION.
15
                                            For good and sufficient
15
    8 grounds the department may refuse to grant a license to any
15
     9 applicant; and it may revoke a license for a violation of any
15 10 provision of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del>
15 11
       203C, 203D, 207, and 208, or for the refusal or failure of any
15 12 licensee to obey the lawful directions of the department.
15 13
           Sec. 39.
                      Section 189.20, Code 2003, is amended to read as
15 14
       follows:
           189.20
15 15
                    INJUNCTION.
15 16
           Any person engaging in any business for which a license is
15 17
       required by this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C,
15 18 203D, 207, and 208, without obtaining such license, may be
15 19 restrained by injunction, and shall pay all costs made
15 20 necessary by such procedure.
15 21
                      Section 189.21, Code 2003, is amended to read as
           Sec. 40.
15 22
       follows:
15 23
           189.21
                   PENALTY.
           Unless otherwise provided, any person violating any
15 24
15 25 provision of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del>
15 26 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, or any rule adopted by the
15 27
       department pursuant to such a provision, is guilty of a simple
15 28 misdemeanor.
15 29
           Sec. 41.
                      Section 189.23, Code 2003, is amended to read as
15 30
       follows:
15 31
                   COMMON CARRIER.
           189.23
15 32
           The penalties provided in this subtitle, excluding chapters
       203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, shall not be imposed upon any common carrier for introducing into the state, or having
15 33
15
       in its possession, any article which is adulterated or
15 35
       improperly labeled according to the provisions of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, when the same was received by the carrier for
16
16
16
16
     4
       transportation in the ordinary course of its business and
16
     5
       without actual knowledge of its true character.
                      Section 189.24, Code 2003, is amended to read as
16
           Sec. 42.
16
       follows:
           189.24 REPORT OF VIOLATIONS.
16
    8
16
           When it appears that any of the provisions of this
       subtitle, excluding chapters 203, <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and
16 10
16 11
       208, have been violated, the department shall at once certify
16 12 the facts to the proper county attorney, with a copy of the 16 13 results of any analysis, examination, or inspection the
16 14 department may have made, duly authenticated by the proper
16 15 person under oath, and with any additional evidence which may
16 16 be in possession of the department.
16 17
```

16 17 Sec. 43. Section $189.\overline{28}$, Code 2003, is amended to read as 16 18 follows:

```
16 19
           189.28 GOODS FOR SALE IN OTHER STATES.
16 20
           Any person may keep articles specifically set apart in the
16 21 person's stock for sale in other states which do not comply
16 22 with the provisions of this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 16 23 <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, as to standards, purity, or
16 24 labeling.
16 25
16 26
           Sec. 44.
                       Section 189.29, Code 2003, is amended to read as
       follows:
16 27
           189.29 REPORTS BY DEALERS.
           Every person who deals in or manufactures any of the
16 28
16 29 articles dealt with in this subtitle, excluding chapters 203, 16 30 <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, shall make upon blanks
16 31 furnished by the department such reports and furnish such
16 32
16 33
       statistics as may be required by the department and certify to
       the correctness of the same.
16 34
           Sec. 45. Section 190.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003,
16 35
       is amended to read as follows:
       For the purpose of this subtitle, except chapters 192, 203, 203A, 203C, 203D, 207, and 208, the following definitions and
17
17
17
       standards of food are established:
17
                       Section 203.1, subsection 8, paragraph h, Code
           Sec. 46.
17
       2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
17
           Sec. 47. Section 203.5, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2003,
       is amended to read as follows:

If an applicant has had a license under chapter 203, 203A,
17
17
17
       or 203C revoked for cause within the past three years, or has
17 10 been convicted of a felony involving violations of chapter
17 11 203<del>, 203A,</del> or 203C, or is owned or controlled by a person who 17 12 has had a license so revoked or who has been so convicted, the
17 13 department may deny a license to the applicant.
17 14
           Sec. 48. Section 203C.6, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
17 15 amended to read as follows:
17 16
           7. If an applicant has had a license under chapter 203-
\frac{17}{17} \frac{203A}{203A} or 203C revoked for cause within the past three years, or 17 18 has been convicted of a felony involving violations of chapter
17 19 203, 203A or 203C, or is owned or controlled by a person who
17 20 has had a license so revoked or who has been so convicted, the 17 21 department may deny a license to the applicant.
17 22
           Sec. 49. Section 669.14, subsection 11, unnumbered
17 23 paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
17 24 Any claim for financial loss based upon an act or omission 17 25 in financial regulation, including but not limited to
17 26 examinations, inspections, audits, or other financial
17 27 oversight responsibilities, pursuant to chapters 87, 203,
17 28 <del>203A,</del> 203C, 203D, 421B, 486, 487, and 490 through 553, 17 29 excluding chapters 540A, 542, 542B, 543B, 543C, 543D, 544A,
17 30 and 544B.
17 31
           Sec. 50.
                      Chapter 203A, Code 2003, is repealed.
17 32
                                       EXPLANATION
17 33
           This bill relates to provisions regulating the grain
17 34 industry, including grain dealers (under Code chapter 203),
17 35
       grain bargaining agents (under Code chapter 203A), and
       warehouse operators (under Code chapter 203C) by the
18
    2 department of agriculture and land stewardship.
18
18
           DIVISION I == REGULATION OF GRAIN DEALERS AND WAREHOUSE
    4 OPERATORS. The bill division provides a definition of
18
18
     5 "person" in Code section 203.1, governing grain dealers and
18
     6 rewrites a definition of the term in Code section 203C.1
       governing warehouse operators. The bill amends the section by
18
18
    8 referencing Code section 4.1, which provides a general
18
     9 definition of the term throughout the Code.
                                                              The bill moves a
18 10 provision in the definition of "person" providing that the
18 11 provisions providing for the operation of a warehouse do not
18 12 apply to the state or the federal government. The bill also 18 13 provides definitions for the terms "check" and "electronic
18 14 funds transfer".
18 15
           The bill amends provisions in Code chapter 203 that refer
18 16 to persons licensed under the Code chapter by changing the
18 17 phrase to "grain dealers required to be licensed under Code
18 18 section 203.3". The bill also strikes references to books and
18 19 accounts in provisions which refer generally to a grain
18 20 dealer's records.
           The bill amends provisions in Code section 203.8, which
18 21
18 22 provides for payment by grain dealers to owners of grain.
18 23 bill changes references from "owner" to "seller", which is a 18 24 defined term. The bill provides that a grain dealer must
18 25 deliver a check for the purchase of grain to the seller by a 18 26 date certain. The bill authorizes the department to regulate
18 27 payment by check or electronic funds transfer.
18 28
           The bill amends Code section 203.9 providing for
```

18 29 inspections of grain dealers. It replaces the term "grain

18 30 purchases" with "grain transactions". The bill moves an 18 31 existing Code provision in Code section 203.17 requiring a 18 32 grain dealer to keep records for six years. It also provides 18 33 that the department may reconstruct a grain dealer's records 18 34 in order to determine whether the grain dealer is in 18 35 compliance with legal requirements. The department is 1 authorized to charge the grain dealer the actual cost for 2 reconstructing the grain dealer's records. Similarly, the 19 19 19 3 bill amends Code section 203C.2, which provides for the powers 19 4 and duties of the department. It moves language from Code 19 5 section 203C.35 providing for warehouse recordkeeping. It 19 6 provides that the department may charge the licensed warehouse 19 7 operator the actual cost for reconstructing the warehouse 19 8 operator's records, and keep various payments made to the 19 9 department. 19 10

The bill rewrites Code sections 203.10 and 203C.10, 19 11 relating to the suspension or revocation of licenses. 19 12 removes a number of departmental procedural requirements, 19 13 including the filing of information with the department by the 19 14 administrator of the warehouse bureau.

The bill amends Code sections 203.11 and 203C.36 referring 19 16 to penalties by making language uniform and enhances the 19 17 readability of the provisions.

The bill amends Code section 203.15, which provides for 19 18 19 19 credit sale contracts. Under current law, contracts must be 19 20 signed by both parties. The bill also requires the contracts 19 21 to be dated. The bill renumbers the Code section's 19 22 provisions.

The bill amends Code section 203C.39 by allowing a licensed 19 24 warehouse operator to accept grain for storage from another 19 25 licensed warehouse operator while the accepting warehouse 19 26 operator has grain stored elsewhere.

The bill repeals Code section 203.13 authorizing the 19 28 department to designate an employee as an enforcement officer.

19 29 A person violating a provision of these chapters is subject 19 30 to civil and criminal penalties. A person violating Code 19 31 chapter 203 is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,500. A person 19 32 violating a provision in Code chapter 203C is also subject to 19 33 a civil penalty of \$1,500.

The criminal penalty for a violation of a provision in Code 19 35 chapter 203 or 203C is at least a simple misdemeanor. For a 20 1 violation of Code chapter 203 or 203C, the criminal penalty 2 ranges from a simple misdemeanor to an aggravated misdemeanor. 3 A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more 4 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50 but not more than \$500 5 or by both. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by 6 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more than \$1,500. An aggravated misdemeanor is 8 punishable by confinement for no more than two years and a 9 fine of at least \$500 but not more than \$5,000. A person may 20 10 also be guilty of a fraudulent practice under Code chapter 714 20 11 or 715A.

20 12 DIVISION II == ELIMINATION OF GRAIN BARGAINING AGENT 20 13 REGULATIONS. The bill repeals Code chapter 203A which 20 14 regulates grain bargaining agents. A grain bargaining agent 20 15 bargains with buyers for the sale of grain for agricultural 20 16 producers. Code chapter 203A provides requirements for 20 17 permits, bonds, recordkeeping, inspections, and disciplinary 20 18 proceedings. The bill makes conforming amendments. 20 18 proceedings.

20 19 LSB 1224DP 80 20 20 da/cl/14

19 15

19 23

19 27

19 34

20

20

20

20

20 20

2.0 20