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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to prohibited activities of certain public
2 employees and officials in connection with urban renewal
3 projects.

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

1 Section 1. Section 403.16, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 No public official or employee of a municipality, or board
4 or commission thereof, who has been vested by a municipality
5 with urban renewal project powers under section 403.14, and
6 no commissioner or employee of an urban renewal agency, which
7 has been vested by a municipality with urban renewal project
8 powers under section 403.14, shall voluntarily acquire any
9 personal interest, as hereinafter defined, whether direct or
10 indirect, in any urban renewal project, or in any property
11 included or planned to be included in any urban renewal project
12 of such municipality, or in any contract or proposed contract
13 in connection with such urban renewal project. Where such
14 acquisition is not voluntary, the interest acquired shall
15 be immediately disclosed in writing to the local governing
16 body, and such disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes
17 of the governing body. If any such official, commissioner or
18 employee presently owns or controls, or has owned or controlled
19 within the preceding two years, any interest, as hereinafter
20 defined, whether direct or indirect, in any property which
21 the official, commissioner or employee knows is included
22 or planned to be included in an urban renewal project, the
23 official, commissioner or employee shall immediately disclose
24 this fact in writing to the local governing body, and such
25 disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the governing
26 body; and any such official, commissioner or employee shall
27 not participate in any action by the municipality, or board
28 or commission thereof, or urban renewal agency affecting such
29 property, as the terms of such proscription are hereinafter
30 defined. For the purposes of this section the following
31 definitions and standards of construction shall apply:

32 EXPLANATION

33 Current Code section 403.16 provides that no public official
34 or employee of a municipality, or board or commission of a
35 municipality, and no commissioner or employee of an urban

1 renewal agency, which has been vested by a municipality with
2 urban renewal project powers, shall voluntarily acquire any
3 direct or indirect personal interest in any urban renewal
4 project, including any property or contract in connection with
5 such urban renewal project. This bill specifies that only
6 those public officials and employees of a municipality who have
7 been vested by a municipality with urban renewal project powers
8 are restricted from acquiring a personal interest in connection
9 with an urban renewal project.