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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the year-round operation of farmers
2 markets, and including effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 137F.1, subsection 5, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. "*Farmers market*" means a marketplace which ~~seasonally~~
4 operates principally as a common market for fresh fruits and
5 vegetables on a retail basis for off-the-premises consumption.

6 Sec. 2. Section 137F.6, subsection 1, paragraph g, Code
7 2011, is amended to read as follows:

8 *g.* For a farmers market where potentially hazardous food
9 is sold or distributed, one ~~seasonal~~ annual license fee of one
10 hundred dollars for each vendor on a countywide basis.

11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
12 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill eliminates a requirement that a license to
15 operate a farmers market is seasonal. A farmers market
16 is a marketplace which operates principally as a common
17 market for fresh fruits and vegetables on a retail basis
18 for off-the-premises consumption (Code section 137F.1(5)).
19 Farmers markets are regulated and licensed by the department
20 of inspections and appeals or a municipal corporation acting
21 under agreement with the department (Code sections 137F.3 and
22 137F.8). A farmers market is considered a food establishment
23 and subject to a license fee if it sells potentially hazardous
24 food (Code sections 137F.1(7) and 137F.6(1)(g)).

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.