

Senate File 2172 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2022)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to management of swine, including by providing
2 for biosecurity and development in a farrowing and gestating
3 operation which is part of a confinement feeding operation,
4 and making penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of
2 the general assembly to support swine confinement feeding
3 operations maintaining swine as part of a farrowing and
4 gestating operation by improving the biosecurity of the
5 confinement feeding operation which provides for the on-site
6 raising of replacement breeding swine for the confinement
7 feeding operation's sow herd.

8 Sec. 2. Section 459.102, subsection 46, paragraph b, Code
9 2011, is amended to read as follows:

10 b. For a confinement feeding operation maintaining swine
11 as part of a farrowing and gestating operation, two thousand
12 five hundred or more animal units. In calculating the animal
13 unit capacity of a confinement feeding operation under this
14 paragraph, an animal unit does not include replacement breeding
15 swine, if all of the following apply:

16 (1) The replacement breeding swine are raised at the
17 confinement feeding operation.

18 (2) The replacement breeding swine are used in the farrowing
19 and gestating operation.

20 EXPLANATION

21 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The bill provides that it is the
22 intent of the general assembly to support certain swine
23 confinement feeding operations (facilities which house swine
24 under a roof) and specifically sow reproduction operations,
25 referred to as a farrowing and gestating operation. The
26 general assembly declares an intent to improve biosecurity of
27 confinement feeding operations involved in the on-site raising
28 of replacement of breeding swine.

29 CURRENT LAW. Currently, special regulations apply to the
30 storage of manure originating from a so-called "qualified
31 confinement feeding operation" which includes a farrowing
32 and gestating operation. The confinement feeding operation
33 is designated as qualified if the maximum number of animal
34 units that may be maintained there at any one time (animal
35 unit capacity) equals 2,500 or more animal units (Code section

1 459.102). Generally, once classified as qualified, the
2 confinement feeding operation must store manure in a structure
3 that maintains aeration equipment (Code section 459.206).

4 ANIMAL UNITS CALCULATED. Generally, an animal unit is
5 calculated based on animal size. For example, each head of
6 breeding swine is equal to 0.400 animal units and each head of
7 swine weighing 15 pounds or more but not more than 55 pounds
8 is equal to 0.100 animal units. For example, a person keeping
9 1,000 sows would have 400 animal units (1,000 x .4).

10 RECALCULATING ANIMAL UNITS. The bill changes how animal
11 units are calculated in order to determine if a confinement
12 feeding operation which includes a farrowing and gestating
13 operation is considered qualified. Under the bill, replacement
14 breeding swine are not counted if two conditions are satisfied.
15 First, the replacement breeding swine must be raised at the
16 confinement feeding operation and second, the replacement
17 breeding swine must be used in the farrowing and gestating
18 operation.