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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the sale of United States flags manufactured
2 outside of the United States, and providing a penalty.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 554C.1 United States flag sales
2 — limitation — penalty.

3 1. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary,
4 all United States flags sold or offered for sale in this
5 state shall be manufactured within the United States or a
6 district or territory of the United States. This limitation
7 shall apply regardless of the size of flag sold or offered
8 for sale, but shall not be applicable to a pictorial or
9 graphic representation of a flag or to merchandise containing
10 or displaying such a pictorial or graphic representation.
11 Inventory manufactured outside of the United States or a
12 district or territory of the United States existing on or
13 before the effective date of this Act may be sold or offered
14 for sale through and no later than December 31, 2013. The
15 department of commerce shall by rule determine recordkeeping
16 and inspection requirements relating to the requirements of
17 this section.

18 2. A violation of this section is a serious misdemeanor.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill prohibits the sale or offer for sale of United
21 States flags manufactured outside of the United States, or
22 a district or territory thereof. The bill provides that
23 the prohibition shall apply regardless of the size of flag
24 sold or offered for sale, but not to a pictorial or graphic
25 representation of a flag or to merchandise containing or
26 displaying a pictorial or graphic representation. The bill
27 provides that inventory manufactured outside of the United
28 States or a district or territory of the United States existing
29 on or before the bill's effective date may be sold or offered
30 for sale through and no later than December 31, 2013. The
31 bill directs the department of commerce by rule to determine
32 recordkeeping and inspection requirements relating to the
33 prohibition.

34 The bill specifies that a violation of the bill's provisions
35 constitutes a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is

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1 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
2 of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.