

Senate File 278 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO LSB 1858HH BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the assessment of certain real estate used
2 in the cultivation and production of algae, and including
3 effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 427A.1, subsection 4, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* It is a photobioreactor used in the
4 production of algae for harvesting as a crop for animal feed,
5 food, nutritionals, or biofuel production.

6 Sec. 2. Section 441.21, subsection 12, Code 2013, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 ~~12. Beginning with valuations established on or after~~
9 ~~January 1, 2002, as~~ As used in this section, unless the context
10 otherwise requires, "agricultural property" includes the all of
11 the following:

12 a. Beginning with valuations established on or after January
13 1, 2002, the real estate of a vineyard and buildings used in
14 connection with the vineyard, including any building used for
15 processing wine if such building is located on the same parcel
16 as the vineyard.

17 b. Beginning with valuations established on or after January
18 1, 2013, real estate used directly in the cultivation and
19 production of algae for harvesting as a crop for animal feed,
20 food, nutritionals, or biofuel production. The real estate
21 must be an enclosed pond or land containing a photobioreactor.

22 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division of this
23 Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2013, for assessment
24 years beginning on or after that date.

25 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this
26 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
27 enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides that, for purposes of property taxation,
30 agricultural property includes the real estate which is
31 used directly in the cultivation and production of algae for
32 harvesting as a crop for animal feed, food, nutritionals, or
33 biofuel production. The real estate must be an enclosed pond
34 or must be land containing machinery or equipment that uses
35 a light source to provide photonic energy, referred to as a

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1 photobioreactor.

2 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies

3 retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January

4 1, 2013.