

**House File 508 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 353)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for certification requirements for persons  
2 actively involved in the operation of a commercial manure  
3 service.

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

1 Section 1. Section 459.315, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A person required to be certified as a commercial manure  
4 service representative must be certified by the department  
5 each year. The person shall be certified after completing  
6 an educational program which shall consist of an examination  
7 required to be passed by the person or ~~three~~ two hours of  
8 continuing instructional courses which the person must attend  
9 each year in lieu of passing the examination.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 BILL'S PROVISIONS. This bill reduces from three to two  
14 the number of hours of continuing education that a commercial  
15 manure service representative must attend in lieu of passing  
16 an examination, in order to be certified by the department of  
17 natural resources (DNR). The continuing education hours would  
18 equal the number of hours of required attendance by confinement  
19 site manure applicators.

20 BACKGROUND. The provision amended by the bill (Code section  
21 459.315) is part of the "Animal Agriculture Compliance Act"  
22 (Code section 459.101). There are two classes of persons  
23 required to be certified in order to manage manure: (1)  
24 persons associated with a service engaged in the business of  
25 transporting, handling, storing, or applying manure, and (2)  
26 persons involved in livestock production and specifically  
27 confinement feeding operations who are engaged in the  
28 application of manure originating from their operations (see  
29 Code section 459.102 defining a "commercial manure service  
30 representative" and "confinement site manure applicator").  
31 In both cases, the person must either pass an examination or  
32 annually attend a designated number of continuing instruction  
33 courses. A commercial manure service representative is  
34 required to attend three hours and a confinement site  
35 manure applicator is required to attend two hours. The Iowa

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1 cooperative extension service in agriculture and home economics  
2 of Iowa state university of science and technology cooperates  
3 in administering the continuing instruction courses.