

House File 2477 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 650)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to county regulation of certain agricultural
2 experiences.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 335.26 **Agricultural experiences.**

2 1. For purposes of this section, "*agricultural experience*"
3 includes any agriculture-related activity, as a secondary
4 use in conjunction with agricultural production, on a farm
5 which activity is open to the public with the intended purpose
6 of promoting or educating the public about agriculture,
7 agricultural practices, agricultural activities, or
8 agricultural products.

9 2. To assist in the promotion of agricultural experiences,
10 a county shall not require a conditional use permit, special
11 use permit, special exception, or variance for agricultural
12 experiences on property of which the primary use is
13 agricultural production.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to the ability of counties to regulate
18 certain properties. The bill defines "*agricultural*
19 *experience*", which includes any agriculture-related activity
20 on a farm with the purpose of promoting or educating the
21 public about agriculture, agricultural practices, agricultural
22 activities, or agricultural products. In order to assist
23 in the promotion of agricultural experiences, the bill
24 prohibits a county from requiring a conditional use permit,
25 special use permit, special exception, or a variance for
26 agricultural experiences on property of which the primary use
27 is agricultural production.