

Senate File 2173 - Introduced

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BY GUTH

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to immunization status requirements for a
2 foster home.

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

1 Section 1. Section 237.3, Code 2020, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Rules of the department shall not deny
4 licensure to or otherwise discriminate against a foster home,
5 as defined in section 237.13, based on the immunization status
6 of the individual or the individual's children.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill prohibits rules adopted by the department of human
11 services from denying licensure to or otherwise discriminating
12 against a foster home based on the immunization status of the
13 individual or the individual's children. For the purposes
14 of the bill, "foster home" is defined as an individual who
15 is licensed to provide child foster care; and "individual"
16 is defined as an individual person or a married couple who
17 provides child foster care in a single-family home environment
18 and which does not meet the definition of an agency.