

**House File 278 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 278  
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
  
(SUCCESSOR TO HF 80)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act providing for the issuance of annual statewide licenses
- 2 for certain establishments offering food for sale, including
- 3 license fees, and including effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1      Section 1. Section 137F.6, subsection 1, paragraphs c and h,  
2 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:

3       c. For a temporary food establishment for multiple  
4 nonconcurrent events during a calendar year, one annual  
5 license fee of two hundred dollars for each establishment on  
6 a countywide statewide basis.

7       h. For a farmers market where time/temperature control for  
8 safety food is sold or distributed, one annual license fee  
9 of one hundred fifty dollars for each vendor on a countywide  
10 statewide basis.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
12 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

## **EXPLANATION**

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

16 This bill provides for the licensure of certain food  
17 establishments under the regulatory jurisdiction of the  
18 department of inspections and appeals (DIA) or a political  
19 subdivision that has entered into a contract with DIA (together  
20 termed a "regulatory authority") under Code chapter 137F.  
21 Specifically, the bill amends provisions for a temporary food  
22 establishment that operates for not more than 14 consecutive  
23 days in conjunction with a single event and at multiple  
24 nonconcurrent events during a calendar year (Code sections  
25 137F.1 and 137F.6). The license fee is \$200. A farmers market  
26 is subject to regulation as a food establishment if its vendor  
27 sells unpackaged foods that must be temperature controlled such  
28 as meat, poultry, dairy products, cooked or prepared foods,  
29 or soft pies requiring refrigeration (see 481 IAC 31.5). The  
30 license fee is \$150. In each case, the license is valid on a  
31 countywide basis. The bill amends Code section 137F.6(1) by  
32 providing that the license is valid on a statewide basis.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment.