

Agricultural Programs, Products, and Land Bill Senate File 2465

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An Act relating to agriculture, including by providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, including the promotion and regulation of commodities and products, the regulation of the transportation of agricultural items, the use of agricultural land, sales and use taxes, and veterinary practice and income taxes, making penalties applicable, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

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BILL SUMMARY

Division I — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Promotion — Renewable Fuel Infrastructure

Removes the cap on the allocation of moneys to the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program (RFIP) for the installation, replacement, or conversion of biodiesel infrastructure at retail motor fuel sites and increases the allocation of moneys from the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for administration of the RFIP from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

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Division II Part A — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Promotion — General

Adds an exemption for the DALs for the promotion of Iowa commodities and products in regard to State agencies and political subdivisions competing with private enterprises.

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Division II Part B — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Promotion — Choose Iowa Promotion Programs

Requires the DALs to enroll a person as a Choose Iowa member if the person is:

Page 2, Line 4

- Actively participating in the Choose Iowa Promotional Program by producing, processing, or marketing Iowa agricultural products originating as commodities produced on an Iowa farm.
- Otherwise supporting the Program as required by the DALs.

Allows the DALs to adopt administrative rules for Choose Iowa membership criteria.

Page 2, Line 13

Creates a Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program within the DALs and directs the DALs to establish administrative rules to determine the limitations of funding available to each school. The DALs may use up to 5.0% of the moneys appropriated to support the Program for administration of the Program. The DALs is directed to prepare and submit an annual report to the General Assembly by July 31 of each year.

Page 2, Line 35

Makes changes to the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program by changing eligibility requirements for the Program, as well as renaming it the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.

Page 4, Line 4

Removes the \$200,000 limit on how much money is required to be used to reimburse Iowa food banks or emergency feeding organizations from moneys appropriated to the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.

Page 4, Line 26

Removes the repeal date of the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.

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Removes the definitions of "fund" and "school district" from Iowa Code section [190A.2](#). Page 5, Line 12

Repeals the Farm-to-School Program established in Iowa Code section [190A.6](#). Page 6, Line 4

Division II Part C — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Promotion — Innovation and Revitalization Programs

Allows the DALs to give priority to an applicant for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program if the applicant is a beginning farmer. Page 6, Line 15

Transfers the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to the DALs and expands the Program to businesses employing up to 200 full-time nonseasonal individuals. Page 6, Line 19

Repeals the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program and Fund established in Iowa Code section [15E.370](#). Page 8, Line 8

Division III — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Regulation — Animal Health

Allows the DALs to lease facilities to carry out and administer duties related to an infectious or foreign animal disease preparedness and response effort. Page 8, Line 12

Specifies that all information and records relating to an infectious or contagious disease received or collected by the DALs pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [163](#), including administrative rules adopted pursuant to the chapter, are confidential if they identify any of the following: Page 8, Line 18

- The name, address, and contact information of any person owning or caring for an animal affected or suspected of being affected with any infectious or contagious disease.
- Any location where an animal affected or suspected of being affected by any infectious or contagious disease is kept.
- Information that when considered together leads to the identity of a person or location with an animal affected or suspected of being affected by any infectious or contagious disease.

Allows the DALs to disclose a record or part of a record if it is deemed necessary by the State Veterinarian to protect the public health or well-being of animals within the State. Page 8, Line 34

Division IV — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Regulation — Weights and Measures

Specifies that weights and measures regulated under Iowa Code chapter [210](#) are required to conform with Iowa's State primary standard of weights and measures. Page 9, Line 7

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Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to designate the Bureau Chief of the DALs' Weights and Measures Bureau to act as the State Metrologist of weights and measures, and designates the Bureau Chief as the appropriate State official responsible for cooperating with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and in the administration of weights and measures.

Page 9, Line 19

Removes a requirement that requires the DALs to inspect all commercial weighing and measuring devices but requires the DALs to conduct an inspection of the device if a complaint is received.

Page 11, Line 16

Allows the DALs to order the owner of a device or a service agency that installed, serviced, or repaired the device to deliver to the DALs one or more of the service agency's most recent test reports that documents the device's accuracy; allows the report to be used in lieu of an inspection; and provides requirements for when the DALs is required to provide an inspection.

Page 11, Line 30

Repeals the ability for a citizen, firm, city or county, or educational institution to make a written request to the DALs for a test or calibration of any weights, measures, weighing or measuring device, or instruments or apparatus used as standards. Repeals the provision stating that any expenses incurred in furnishing cities with standards, or in comparing those that may be in the city's possession, must be borne by the city.

Page 13, Line 13

Division V Part A — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Regulation — Grain Marketing — Grain Dealers

Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 1 grain dealer license.

Page 13, Line 30

Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 2 grain dealer license.

Page 14, Line 24

Specifies that if a title to grain was previously transferred pursuant to an ordinary cash-sale contract, titles to grain sold by credit-sale contract are deemed to have transferred to the grain dealer when the credit-sale contract is signed by both the grain dealer and the seller, and the grain dealer has possession of the grain or another person has possession of the grain in accordance with the terms of the credit-sale contract.

Page 15, Line 17

Specifies that upon the cessation of a grain dealer license pursuant to Iowa Code section [203.10](#) or upon the filing a petition of bankruptcy by a grain dealer, any claim for the purchase price of grain against the grain dealer must be made with the issuer of a deficiency bond or of an irrevocable letter of credit and with the DALs within 120 days after the date of cessation or filing of a petition in bankruptcy, whichever occurs first.

Page 15, Line 33

Provides criteria for a grain dealer who purchases grain through a credit sale contract.

Page 16, Line 23

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Division V Part B — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Regulation — Grain Marketing — Grain Operators

Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 1 warehouse operator license.

Page 18, Line 10

Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 2 warehouse operator license.

Page 19, Line 3

Division V Part C — Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Regulation — Grain Marketing — Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnification

Requires that the per-bushel fee occur at the time of payment if the fee is passed on to a seller.

Page 19, Line 33

Requires a seller to file a repayment claim with the DALs no later than 60 days after a bankruptcy court's default judgement is entered or a subsequent settlement agreement is approved and entered, whichever is later, if the seller's loss is based upon a bankruptcy court's default judgement.

Page 20, Line 17

Division VI — Department of Transportation — Implements of Husbandry

Specifies that an implement of husbandry cannot have an overall length in excess of 57 feet when used in a truck tractor-semitrailer combination and operated on the highways of the State.

Page 20, Line 35

Division VII — Agricultural Tourism

Adds tree farms to the definition of "farm" for the purposes of the Iowa Agricultural Tourism Promotion Act established in Iowa Code chapter [673A](#).

Page 21, Line 20

Updates the definition of "farm crop" to include fungus used for food, animal feed, oil, energy, or decoration and adds honey, nuts, maple syrup, mushrooms, and Christmas trees to what can qualify as a farm crop.

Page 21, Line 28

Division VIII — Land Use

Specifies that any conditional use permit, special use permit, special exception, or variance described in Iowa Code section [335.28](#) is void and unenforceable.

Page 23, Line 10

Division IX — Honeybees — Sales and Use Tax Exemption

Exempts the sale of honeybees from the State sales and use tax.

Page 23, Line 16

FISCAL IMPACT: Beginning in FY 2027, Division IX of the Bill is estimated to decrease annual revenue to the General Fund by \$8,800, the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund by \$1,800, and the local option sales tax (LOST) by \$1,700.

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Division X Part A — Veterinary Practice — Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program

Authorizes a Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment (RVLR) Program recipient to complete years of practice required under an agreement by securing new employment or establishing or maintaining a new practice in the same veterinary shortage area or rural service commitment area.

Page 23, Line 23

Division X Part B — Veterinary Practice — Income Tax Exemption

Authorizes a licensed veterinarian participating in the RVLR Program to deduct net income from loan repayments, up to \$15,000 per tax year and \$60,000 for all tax years combined. The deduction cannot exceed the amount of the outstanding eligible loan.

Page 24, Line 10

FISCAL IMPACT: The deduction for licensed veterinarians participating in the RVLR Program is estimated to decrease General Fund revenue by approximately \$27,000 annually beginning in FY 2028 and decrease the statewide local option income surtax for schools by less than \$1,000 annually.

STUDIES AND INTENT

Required Reports

Requires the DALs to submit a report on its findings and recommendations on the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 31 of each year.

Page 4, Line 1

Changes the date that the DALs must submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program to the Governor and General Assembly from no later than January 15 to no later than July 31 of each year.

Page 5, Line 7

EFFECTIVE DATE

Specifies that Division V of the Bill related to grain marketing takes effect upon enactment.

Page 20, Line 31

Specifies that Division VIII of the Bill related to land use takes effect upon enactment.

Page 23, Line 8

Specifies that Division X, Part B of the Bill, related to the deduction for licensed veterinarians participating in the RVLR Program takes effect January 1, 2027, and is applicable for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

Page 24, Line 26

Senate File 2465 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
1	4	1	Amend	159A.16.3.a,b,c
1	24	2	Add	23A.2.8,p
1	30	3	Amend	187.201.3
2	4	4	Add	187.301.1A
2	13	5	Add	187.301.2.c
2	17	6	Amend	187.303.1,2
2	35	7	New	187.307
4	4	8	Amend	187.331
5	12	9	Strike	190A.2.5,9
5	14	10	Amend	190A.2.7
5	18	11	Amend	190A.3.1
5	27	12	Amend	190A.5.3
6	4	13	Repeal	190A.6
6	15	15	Add	187.311.5A
6	19	16	New	187.315
8	8	17	Repeal	15E.370
8	12	18	Add	163.1.7A
8	18	19	New	163.2B
9	7	20	Amend	210.1
9	19	21	Amend	213.1
9	32	22	Amend	213.2
10	19	23	Amend	214.3.1
10	28	24	Amend	215.1.1
11	10	25	Add	215.1.3A
11	16	26	Amend	215.1A
12	9	27	Amend	215.14.3
12	16	28	Amend	215.19
12	35	29	Amend	215.23.2
13	9	30	Add	452A.40.5A
13	13	31	Repeal	213.3; 213.7
13	30	33	Strike and Replace	203.3.4.b
14	24	34	Strike and Replace	203.3.5.b
15	17	35	Amend	203.8.2.a
15	33	36	Amend	203.12.1
16	12	37	Amend	203.12A.5
16	23	38	Strike and Replace	203.15.4
18	10	39	Strike and Replace	203C.6.4.b
19	3	40	Strike and Replace	203C.6.5.b
19	33	41	Add	203D.3A.2.e
20	5	42	Amend	203D.6.8.a

Senate File 2465 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
20	17	43	Amend	203D.6A.2
20	35	45	Amend	321.457.2.f
21	20	46	Amend	673A.3.6.b
21	28	47	Amend	673A.3.9
22	10	48	Add	335.2.4
22	17	49	Amend	335.28
23	16	52	Add	423.3.111
23	23	53	Amend	256.226.4.c
24	10	54	Add	422.7.46

1 1 DIVISION I
 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP — PROMOTION —
 1 3 RENEWABLE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE

1 4 Section 1. Section 159A.16, subsection 3, paragraphs a, b,
 1 5 and c, Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:
 1 6 ~~—a. For each fiscal year, not more than one million~~
 1 7 ~~seven hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be allocated to~~
 1 8 ~~support the renewable fuel infrastructure program for retail~~
 1 9 ~~motor fuel sites as provided in section 159A.14 to finance~~
 1 10 ~~the installation, replacement, or conversion of biodiesel~~
 1 11 ~~infrastructure as provided in that section.~~
 1 12 ~~—b. _a.~~ For each fiscal year, not more than one hundred
 1 13 fifty thousand dollars shall be allocated to the department to
 1 14 support the administration of the programs.
 1 15 ~~—c. _b.~~ For each fiscal year, the department may use up to
 1 16 three-quarters of one percent of the program funds to market
 1 17 the programs. Otherwise the moneys shall not be transferred,
 1 18 used, obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered except
 1 19 to allocate as financial incentives under the programs.

CODE: Removes the cap on the allocation of moneys to the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program (RFIP) for the installation, replacement, or conversion of biodiesel infrastructure at retail motor fuel sites and increases the allocation of moneys from the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) for administration of the RFIP from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

1 20 DIVISION II
 1 21 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP — PROMOTION
 1 22 PART A
 1 23 GENERAL

1 24 Sec. 2. Section 23A.2, subsection 8, Code 2026, is amended
 1 25 by adding the following new paragraph:
 1 26 NEW PARAGRAPH p. An activity carried out by the department
 1 27 of agriculture and land stewardship to promote the marketing
 1 28 of Iowa commodities and products, including as provided in
 1 29 chapters 159 and 187.

CODE: Adds an exemption for the DALs for the promotion of Iowa commodities and products in regard to State agencies and political subdivisions competing with private enterprises.

1 30 Sec. 3. Section 187.201, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
 1 31 to read as follows:
 1 32 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and
 1 33 shall be used exclusively to administer the programs created
 1 34 in this ~~subchapter~~ chapter as determined and directed by the
 1 35 department, and shall not require further special authorization
 2 1 by the general assembly.

CODE: Allows moneys in the Choose Iowa Fund to be used to administer the programs created in Iowa Code chapter [187](#).

2 2 PART B

2 3 CHOOSE IOWA PROMOTION PROGRAMS

2 4 Sec. 4. Section 187.301, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 5 following new subsection:

2 6 NEW SUBSECTION 1A. The department shall enroll a person as
2 7 a choose iowa member who is any of the following:

2 8 a. Actively participating in the program by producing,
2 9 processing, or marketing iowa agricultural products originating
2 10 as commodities produced on iowa farms.

2 11 b. Otherwise supporting the program as required by the
2 12 department.

CODE: Requires the DALs to enroll a person as a Choose Iowa member if the person is:

- Actively participating in the Choose Iowa Promotional Program by producing, processing, or marketing Iowa agricultural products originating as commodities produced on an Iowa farm.
- Otherwise supporting the Program as required by the DALs.

2 13 Sec. 5. Section 187.301, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
2 14 by adding the following new paragraph:

2 15 NEW PARAGRAPH c. The department may adopt rules providing
2 16 for choose iowa membership criteria.

CODE: Allows the DALs to adopt administrative rules for Choose Iowa membership criteria.

2 17 Sec. 6. Section 187.303, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026, are
2 18 amended to read as follows:

2 19 1. A person may apply to the department to ~~participate~~
2 20 enroll as a member in the choose iowa promotional program
2 21 according to procedures established by rules adopted by the
2 22 department. The department shall evaluate and approve or
2 23 disapprove ~~applications~~ an application based on criteria
2 24 established by rules adopted by the department. The department
2 25 may disapprove an application if the department determines the
2 26 applicant's use of the choose iowa logo would be associated
2 27 with the consumption of an adulterated or illegal food item.

CODE: Allows a person to enroll as a member of the Choose Iowa Promotional Program according to the procedures established by administrative rules adopted by the DALs.

2 28 2. The department may enter into a licensing agreement with
2 29 a person ~~participating~~ enrolled as a member in the program.
2 30 ~~The participating person~~ A member may use the choose iowa logo
2 31 to advertise a ~~feed item~~ product originating as an agricultural
2 32 commodity produced on an iowa farm, subject to terms and
2 33 conditions required by rules adopted by the department. A
2 34 licensing agreement shall not be for more than one year.

CODE: Allows the DALs to enter into a licensing agreement with a person enrolled as a member of the Choose Iowa Promotional Program, allows members to use the Choose Iowa logo to advertise products originating as an agricultural commodity produced on an Iowa farm subject to the administrative rules adopted by the DALs.

2 35 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION 187.307 CHOOSE IOWA SCHOOL PURCHASING
3 1 PROGRAM.

3 2 1. There is created within the department a choose Iowa
3 3 school purchasing program.

CODE: Creates a Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program under the DALs.

3 4 2. The department shall administer the program according to
3 5 all of the following:

CODE: Requires the DALs to administer the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program according to the following:

3 6 a. A farm or business shall be eligible to participate in
3 7 the program if the farm or business is enrolled as a member of
3 8 the choose Iowa promotional program as provided in this part 1
3 9 of subchapter III.

- A farm or business is eligible to participate in the Program if the farm or business is enrolled as a member of the Choose Iowa Promotional Program.

3 10 b. A school or school district is eligible to participate in
3 11 the program, if recognized by the department.

- A school or school district is eligible to participate in the Program if recognized by the DALs.

3 12 c. A qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry,
3 13 dairy products other than milk, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and
3 14 produce.

- A qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry, dairy products other than milk, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.

3 15 3. a. An eligible school or school district purchasing
3 16 a qualified food product from an eligible farm or business
3 17 shall be reimbursed on a matching basis with the department
3 18 contributing one dollar for every one dollar expended by the
3 19 eligible school or school district.

CODE: Specifies that a school or school district purchasing qualified food products from an eligible farm or business is reimbursed by the DALs on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Allows the DALs to establish administrative rules to determine the method and limitations for the amount of funding available to each school or school district. If there is not sufficient moneys available to satisfy all claims, the DALs must distribute the remaining moneys in a manner the DALs deems equitable and may include a prorated distribution to participating schools and school districts.

3 20 b. The department may establish by rule the method and
3 21 limitations for determining the amount of funding available to
3 22 each school or school district under this section.

3 23 c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", if the department
3 24 determines that there are not sufficient moneys to satisfy
3 25 all claims that may be submitted by schools and school
3 26 districts, the department shall provide for the distribution
3 27 of the available moneys in a manner determined equitable by
3 28 the department, which may include a prorated distribution to
3 29 participating schools and school districts.

3 30 4. The department may administer the program in cooperation
3 31 with the department of education and the participating school
3 32 or school district in which a participating school is located.

CODE: Allows the DALs to administer the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program in cooperation with the Department of Education (DE) and the participating school or school district where the participating school is located.

3 33 5. The department may use not more than five percent of the
3 34 moneys appropriated to support the program in a fiscal year to
3 35 pay for the costs of administering the program.

CODE: Prohibits the DALs from using more than 5.00% of the moneys appropriated for the Program for administration costs.

4 1 6. The department shall prepare and submit a report
 4 2 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and
 4 3 general assembly not later than July 31 of each year.

CODE: Requires the DALs to submit a report on its findings and recommendations on the Choose Iowa School Purchasing Program to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 31 of each year.

4 4 Sec. 8. Section 187.331, Code 2026, is amended to read as
 4 5 follows:
 4 6 187.331 CHOOSE IOWA FOOD BANK PURCHASING PROGRAM.
 4 7 1. There is created within the department a choose Iowa food
 4 8 bank purchasing program.

CODE: Renames the Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program to the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.

4 9 2. The department shall administer the program according to
 4 10 all of the following requirements:
 4 11 a. A farm or business ~~that owns or operates the farm source~~
 4 12 ~~shall be given a preference to participate in the program if~~
 4 13 ~~the farm or business is currently participating~~ eligible to
 4 14 participate in the program if the farm or business is enrolled
 4 15 as a member in the choose Iowa promotional program as provided
 4 16 in this part 1 of subchapter III. ~~Otherwise, a farm or~~
 4 17 ~~business may participate in the program if the farm or business~~
 4 18 ~~has applied to participate in the choose Iowa promotional~~
 4 19 ~~program and the department determines that the application will~~
 4 20 ~~be approved.~~
 4 21 b. An eligible participant is limited to any Iowa food bank
 4 22 or an Iowa emergency feeding organization, recognized by the
 4 23 department.
 4 24 c. A qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry,
 4 25 dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.

CODE: Specifies that a farm or business is eligible to participate in the Program if the farm or business is enrolled as a member in the Choose Iowa Promotional Program and limits an eligible participant to any Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization recognized by the DALs. Specifies that a qualified food product is limited to meat and poultry, dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce.

4 26 ~~3. a. Of the moneys appropriated to support the program in~~
 4 27 ~~a fiscal year, not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall~~
 4 28 ~~be used to reimburse Iowa food banks and Iowa emergency feeding~~
 4 29 ~~organizations.~~

CODE: Removes the \$200,000 limit on how much money is required to be used to reimburse Iowa food banks or emergency feeding organizations from moneys appropriated to the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.

4 30 ~~b. 3. a.~~ An eligible participant Iowa food bank or an
 4 31 emergency feeding organization purchasing a qualified food
 4 32 product from an eligible farm or business shall be reimbursed
 4 33 on a matching basis with the department contributing one dollar
 4 34 for every one dollar expended by the eligible participant Iowa
 4 35 food bank or emergency feeding organization.

CODE: Specifies that an eligible Iowa food bank or emergency feeding organization purchasing qualified food products from an eligible farm or business is reimbursed by the DALs on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

<p>5 1 e. <u>b.</u> An Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding 5 2 organization shall not receive more than fifty thousand dollars 5 3 per fiscal year for participating in the program. 5 4 4. <u>c.</u> The department may use not more than five percent of 5 5 the moneys appropriated to support the program in a fiscal year 5 6 to pay for the costs of administering the program.</p>	
<p>5 7 5. <u>4.</u> The department shall prepare and submit a report 5 8 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and 5 9 general assembly not later than January 15 <u>July 31</u> of each 5 10 year.</p>	<p>CODE: Changes the date that the DALs must submit a report on its findings and recommendations for the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program to the Governor and General Assembly from no later than January 15 to no later than July 31 of each year.</p>
<p>5 11 6. This section is repealed July 1, 2030.</p>	<p>CODE: Removes the repeal date of the Choose Iowa Food Bank Purchasing Program.</p>
<p>5 12 Sec. 9. Section 190A.2, subsections 5 and 9, Code 2026, are 5 13 amended by striking the subsections.</p>	<p>CODE: Removes the definitions of "fund" and "school district" from Iowa Code section 190A.2.</p>
<p>5 14 Sec. 10. Section 190A.2, subsection 7, Code 2026, is amended 5 15 to read as follows: 5 16 7. "Program" means the farm-to-school program created in 5 17 section 190A.6 <u>190A.3</u>.</p>	<p>CODE: Specifies that "Program" means the Farm-to-School Program created in Iowa Code chapter 190A.</p>
<p>5 18 Sec. 11. Section 190A.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended 5 19 to read as follows: 5 20 1. The A <u>A</u> farm-to-school program <u>is created within the</u> 5 21 <u>department. The program</u> shall seek to link elementary and 5 22 secondary public and nonpublic schools in this state with Iowa 5 23 farms to provide schools with fresh and minimally processed 5 24 food <u>products</u> for inclusion in school meals and snacks, 5 25 encourage children to develop healthy eating habits, and 5 26 provide Iowa farmers access to consumer markets.</p>	<p>CODE: Specifies that a Farm-to-School Program is created within the DALs.</p>
<p>5 27 Sec. 12. Section 190A.5, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended 5 28 to read as follows: 5 29 3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to support 5 30 the <u>farm-to-school</u> program in a manner determined by the 5 31 department, including for reasonable administrative costs 5 32 incurred by the department. However, the department shall 5 33 not expend more than four percent of moneys existing at any</p>	<p>CODE: Specifies that moneys in the Farm-to-School Fund are to be used for the Farm-to-School Program.</p>

5 34 one time in the fund during each fiscal year for purpose of
 5 35 paying costs associated with the administration of the program
 6 1 and fund incurred by the department during that fiscal year.
 6 2 Moneys expended from the fund shall not require further special
 6 3 authorization by the general assembly.

6 4 Sec. 13. REPEAL. Section 190A.6, Code 2026, is repealed.

CODE: Repeals the Farm-to-School Program established in Iowa Code section [190A.6](#).

6 5 Sec. 14. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE.

Provides direction to the Iowa Code Editor.

6 6 1. The Code editor is directed to make the following
 6 7 transfers:

6 8 a. Section 187.331 to section 187.308.

6 9 b. Section 159.25 to section 187.309.

6 10 2. The Code editor shall correct internal references in the
 6 11 Code and in any enacted legislation as necessary due to the
 6 12 enactment of this section.

6 13 PART C

6 14 INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS

6 15 Sec. 15. Section 187.311, Code 2026, is amended by adding
 6 16 the following new subsection:

6 17 NEW SUBSECTION 5A. The department may give priority to an
 6 18 applicant who is a beginning farmer.

CODE: Allows the DALs to give priority to an applicant for the Dairy Innovation and Revitalization Program if the applicant is a beginning farmer.

6 19 Sec. 16. NEW SECTION 187.315 BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND
 6 20 REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

6 21 1. A butchery innovation and revitalization program is
 6 22 created within the department. The purpose of the program is
 6 23 to promote the development, modernization, and expansion of
 6 24 this state's butchery industry.

CODE: Creates a Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program within the DALs to promote the development, modernization, and expansion of the State's butchery industry.

6 25 2. In administering the program, the department shall award
 6 26 financial assistance to eligible businesses to support projects
 6 27 that do one or more of the following:

6 28 a. To expand or refurbish an existing, or to establish a
 6 29 new, state-inspected small-scale meat processing business.

6 30 b. To expand or refurbish an existing, or to establish a
 6 31 new, federally inspected small-scale meat processing business.

6 32 c. To expand or refurbish an existing, or to establish a
 6 33 new, licensed custom locker.

CODE: Specifies that the DALs must award financial assistance to eligible businesses to support projects that do one or more of the following:

- Expand or refurbish an existing, or establish a new, State or federally inspected small-scale meat processing business.
- Expand or refurbish an existing, or establish a new, licensed custom locker.

6 34 d. To expand or refurbish an existing, or to establish a
 6 35 new, mobile slaughter unit that operates in compliance with
 7 1 the most current mobile slaughter unit compliance guide issued
 7 2 by the United States department of agriculture food safety and
 7 3 inspection service.
 7 4 e. To rent buildings, refrigeration facilities, freezer
 7 5 facilities, or equipment necessary to expand processing
 7 6 capacity, including mobile slaughter or refrigeration units
 7 7 used exclusively for meat or poultry processing.

- Expand or refurbish an existing, or establish a new, mobile slaughter unit that operates in compliance with the most current mobile slaughter unit compliance guide issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service.
- Rent buildings, refrigeration facilities, freezer facilities, or equipment necessary to expand processing capacity, including mobile slaughter or refrigeration units used exclusively for meat or poultry processing.

7 8 3. The department shall establish eligibility criteria for
 7 9 the program. The eligibility criteria must include all of the
 7 10 following:

CODE: Requires the DALs to establish the following criteria for the Program:

7 11 a. The business must be located in this state.
 7 12 b. The business must not have been subject to any regulatory
 7 13 enforcement action related to federal, state, or local
 7 14 environmental, worker safety, food processing, or food safety
 7 15 laws, rules, or regulations within the last five years.
 7 16 c. The business must only employ individuals legally
 7 17 authorized to work in this state.
 7 18 d. The business must not currently be in bankruptcy.
 7 19 e. The business must employ less than two hundred full-time
 7 20 nonseasonal individuals.

- The business must be located in the State.
- The business must not have been subject to any regulatory enforcement action related to federal, State, or local environmental, worker safety, food processing, or food safety rules or regulations within the last five years.
- The business must only employ individuals legally authorized to work in the United States.
- The business must not currently be in bankruptcy.
- The business must employ up to 200 full-time nonseasonal individuals.

7 21 4. An eligible business seeking financial assistance under
 7 22 this section shall make application to the department in the
 7 23 manner and on forms prescribed by the department.

CODE: Requires eligible businesses seeking financial assistance from the Program to make an application to the DALs in a manner and on forms prescribed by the DALs.

7 24 5. Applications for financial assistance under this section
 7 25 shall be accepted during one or more annual application periods
 7 26 established by the department. Upon reviewing and scoring all
 7 27 applications that are received during an application period,
 7 28 and subject to the availability of moneys, the department may
 7 29 award financial assistance to eligible businesses. A financial
 7 30 assistance award shall not exceed the amount of eligible
 7 31 project costs included in the eligible business's application.
 7 32 Priority shall be given to eligible businesses whose proposed
 7 33 project or projects under subsection 2 are most likely to do
 7 34 one or more of the following:
 7 35 a. Create new jobs.

CODE: Requires applications to the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program to be accepted during one or more annual application periods established by the DALs. Financial assistance must not exceed the amount of eligible project costs included in the business's application, and priority must be given to eligible businesses whose proposed project are most likely to do one or more of the following:

- Create new jobs.
- Create or expand opportunities for local small-scale farmers to market processed meat under private labels.

<p>8 1 b. Create or expand opportunities for local small-scale 8 2 farmers to market processed meat under private labels. 8 3 c. Provide greater flexibility or convenience for local 8 4 small-scale farmers to have animals processed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide greater flexibility or convenience for local small-scale farmers to have animals processed.
<p>8 5 6. An eligible business that is awarded financial 8 6 assistance under this section may apply for financial 8 7 assistance under other programs administered by the department.</p>	<p>CODE: Allows an eligible business that is awarded financial assistance through the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program to also apply for financial assistance under other programs administered by the DALs.</p>
<p>8 8 Sec. 17. REPEAL. Section 15E.370, Code 2026, is repealed.</p>	<p>CODE: Repeals the Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Program and Fund established in Iowa Code section 15E.370.</p>
<p>8 9 DIVISION III 8 10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP REGULATION — 8 11 ANIMAL HEALTH</p>	
<p>8 12 Sec. 18. Section 163.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the 8 13 following new subsection: 8 14 NEW SUBSECTION 7A. Lease facilities in order to carry out 8 15 and administer the provisions of this chapter related to an 8 16 infectious or contagious disease or a foreign animal disease 8 17 preparedness and response effort.</p>	<p>CODE: Allows the DALs to lease facilities to carry out and administer duties related to an infectious or foreign animal disease preparedness and response effort.</p>
<p>8 18 Sec. 19. NEW SECTION 163.2B CONFIDENTIALITY. 8 19 1. Notwithstanding section 22.7, all information and 8 20 records relating to an infectious or contagious disease 8 21 received or collected by the department pursuant to this 8 22 chapter, including rules adopted under this chapter by the 8 23 department, is confidential to the extent it identifies any of 8 24 the following: 8 25 a. The name, address, and contact information of any person 8 26 owning or caring for an animal suspected of or being affected 8 27 with any infectious or contagious disease. 8 28 b. Any location where an animal suspected of or being 8 29 affected with any infectious or contagious disease has been 8 30 kept. 8 31 c. Information that when considered together leads to the 8 32 identity of a person described in paragraph “a” or a location or 8 33 premises described in paragraph “b”.</p>	<p>CODE: Specifies that all information and records relating to an infectious or contagious disease received or collected by the DALs pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 163, including administrative rules adopted pursuant to the chapter, are confidential if they identify any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, address, and contact information of any person owning or caring for an animal affected or suspected of being affected with any infectious or contagious disease. • Any location where an animal affected or suspected of being affected by any infectious or contagious disease is kept. • Information that when considered together leads to the identity of a person or location with an animal affected or

	suspected of being affected by any infectious or contagious disease.
<p>8 34 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the department, in 8 35 acting as the lawful custodian of the confidential record, may 9 1 disclose the record or any part of the record if it is deemed 9 2 necessary by the state veterinarian to protect the public 9 3 health or the health or well-being of animals within the state.</p>	CODE: Allows the DALs to disclose a record or part of a record if it is deemed necessary by the State Veterinarian to protect the public health or well-being of animals within the State.
<p>9 4 DIVISION IV 9 5 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP — REGULATION 9 6 — WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</p>	
<p>9 7 Sec. 20. Section 210.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as 9 8 follows: 9 9 210.1—STANDARD ESTABLISHED <u>WEIGHTS AND MEASURES STANDARDS —</u> 9 10 <u>COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW</u> . 9 11 The weights and measures which have been presented by the 9 12 department to the United States national institute of standards 9 13 and technology and approved, standardized, and certified by 9 14 the institute in accordance with the laws of the Congress of 9 15 the United States shall be the standard weights and measures 9 16 throughout the state regulated under this chapter shall conform 9 17 with Iowa's state primary standard of weights and measures as 9 18 described in section 215.1B.</p>	CODE: Specifies that weights and measures regulated under Iowa Code chapter 210 are required to conform with Iowa's State primary standard of weights and measures.
<p>9 19 Sec. 21. Section 213.1, Code 2026, is amended to read as 9 20 follows: 9 21 213.1 STATE METROLOGIST. 9 22 The department secretary of agriculture may designate 9 23 one of its assistants <u>the bureau chief of the department's</u> 9 24 <u>weights and measures bureau to act as state metrologist</u> 9 25 <u>of weights and measures. All weights and measures sealed</u> 9 26 <u>by the state metrologist shall be impressed with the word</u> 9 27 <u>"Iowa." The bureau chief is the appropriate state official</u> 9 28 <u>responsible for cooperating with the national institute of</u> 9 29 <u>standards and technology as defined in section 215.1 and in the</u> 9 30 <u>administration of weights and measures as regulated in this</u> 9 31 <u>subtitle.</u></p>	CODE: Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to designate the Bureau Chief of the DALs' Weights and Measures Bureau to act as the State Metrologist of weights and measures, and designates the Bureau Chief as the appropriate State official responsible for cooperating with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and in the administration of weights and measures.
<p>9 32 Sec. 22. Section 213.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as 9 33 follows:</p>	CODE: Requires that weights and measures that are metrologically traceable to standards recognized by the

9 34 ~~213.2—PHYSICAL UNITED STATES STANDARDS — CONFORMITY .~~

9 35 ~~Weights and measures, which conform to the standards of the~~
 10 1 ~~United States national institute of standards and technology~~
 10 2 ~~existing as of January 1, 1979, that are metrologically~~
 10 3 ~~traceable to the United States standards supplied by the~~
 10 4 ~~federal government or approved as being in compliance with~~
 10 5 ~~its standards recognized by the national bureau institute of~~
 10 6 ~~standards and technology shall be the Iowa's state primary~~
 10 7 ~~standard of weights and measures as verified by the department.~~
 10 8 ~~Such The traceable standards of weights and measures shall~~
 10 9 ~~be verified upon their initial receipt of same by the~~
 10 10 ~~department and as often as deemed necessary by the secretary~~
 10 11 ~~of agriculture department. The secretary department may~~
 10 12 ~~provide for the alteration in revise the state primary standard~~
 10 13 ~~of weights and measures in order to maintain metrological~~
 10 14 ~~traceability with the standard standards of the United States~~
 10 15 ~~national institute of standards and technology. All such~~
 10 16 ~~alterations The verification or revision shall be made pursuant~~
 10 17 ~~to rules promulgated adopted by the secretary department in~~
 10 18 ~~accordance with chapter 17A.~~

National Institute of Standards and Technology to be Iowa's primary standard of weights and measures as verified by the DALs. Requires the traceable standards of weights and measures to be verified upon their initial receipt and as often as necessary by the DALs, and allows the DALs to revise the State's primary standard of weights and measures in order to maintain metrological traceability with the standards of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The verification or revision must be made pursuant to administrative rules adopted by the DALs.

10 19 Sec. 23. Section 214.3, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
 10 20 to read as follows:

10 21 1. A license fee is imposed on a person who uses or
 10 22 displays for use a commercial weighing and measuring device.
 10 23 The license fee is due the day the department issues the
 10 24 license. The amount of the license fee shall be calculated in
 10 25 accordance with the class or section for devices as established
 10 26 by handbook 44 of the United States national institute of
 10 27 standards and technology.

CODE: Removes "United States" when referencing the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

10 28 Sec. 24. Section 215.1, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
 10 29 to read as follows:

10 30 1. a. "Commercial weighing and measuring device" or "device"
 10 31 means a weight or measure or weighing or measuring device
 10 32 used to establish size, quantity, area or other quantitative
 10 33 measurement of a commodity sold by weight or measurement, or
 10 34 where when the price to be paid for producing the commodity is
 10 35 based upon the weight or measurement of the commodity. The
 11 1 term
 11 2 b. "Commercial weighing and measuring device" includes an any
 11 3 of the following:

CODE: Specifies that "device" means the same as a "commercial weighing and measuring device" in Iowa Code section [215.1](#).

11 4 (1) An accessory attached to or used in connection with
 11 5 a commercial weighing or measuring device when the accessory
 11 6 is so designed or installed that its operation may affect the
 11 7 accuracy of the device. ~~“Commercial weighing and measuring~~
 11 8 ~~device” includes a~~
 11 9 (2) A public scale or a commercial scanner.

11 10 Sec. 25. Section 215.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
 11 11 following new subsection:
 11 12 NEW SUBSECTION 3A. “National institute of standards and
 11 13 technology” means the national institute of standards and
 11 14 technology established within the United States department of
 11 15 commerce pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §272.

11 16 Sec. 26. Section 215.1A, Code 2026, is amended to read as
 11 17 follows:
 11 18 215.1A INSPECTIONS.
 11 19 1.—The Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute,
 11 20 the department shall regularly of agriculture and land
 11 21 stewardship may inspect all any commercial weighing and
 11 22 measuring devices, and when device. If the department
 11 23 receives a complaint is made to the department that any false
 11 24 or incorrect alleging weights or measures are being made
 11 25 inaccurately recorded by a device, the department shall inspect
 11 26 the commercial weighing and measuring devices which caused the
 11 27 complaint device.
 11 28 2. The department may inspect a prepackaged goods good to
 11 29 determine the accuracy of their its recorded weights weight.

11 30 3. a. The department may order the owner of the device
 11 31 or a service agency that installed, serviced, or repaired the
 11 32 device, to deliver to the department one or more of the service
 11 33 agency’s most recent test reports documenting the device’s
 11 34 accuracy.
 11 35 b. (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the delivery
 12 1 of a report may be in lieu of an inspection.
 12 2 (2) The department shall provide for an inspection of any
 12 3 of the following:
 12 4 (a) A motor fuel pump as required in section 214.11.
 12 5 (b) A moisture-measuring device as required in section
 12 6 215A.2.
 12 7 (c) A charging station dispensing electric fuel as required

CODE: Provides a definition for "National Institute of Standards and Technology".

CODE: Removes a requirement that requires the DALs to inspect all commercial weighing and measuring devices but requires the DALs to conduct an inspection of the device if a complaint is received.

CODE: Allows the DALs to order the owner of a device or a service agency that installed, serviced, or repaired the device to deliver to the DALs one or more of the service agency's most recent test reports that documents the device's accuracy; allows the report to be used in lieu of an inspection; and provides requirements for when the DALs is required to provide an inspection.

12 8 in section 452A.41.

12 9 Sec. 27. Section 215.14, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
12 10 to read as follows:

12 11 3. Before approval by the department, the specifications
12 12 for a commercial weighing and measuring device shall be
12 13 furnished to the purchaser of the device by the manufacturer.
12 14 The approval shall be based upon the recommendation of the
12 15 ~~United States~~ national institute of standards and technology.

CODE: Removes "United States" when referencing the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

12 16 Sec. 28. Section 215.19, Code 2026, is amended to read as
12 17 follows:

12 18 215.19 AUTOMATIC RECORDERS ON SCALES.

12 19 Except for ~~scales~~ a scale used by ~~packers~~ a packer
12 20 slaughtering fewer than one hundred twenty head of livestock
12 21 per day, ~~all scales~~ a scale with a capacity over five hundred
12 22 pounds, ~~which are used for commercial purposes, in this~~
12 23 ~~state, and installed after January 1, 1981,~~ shall be equipped
12 24 with a type-registering weigh beam, a dial with a mechanical
12 25 ticket printer, an automatic weight recorder, or some similar
12 26 commercial weighing and measuring device, which shall be used
12 27 for printing or stamping the weight values on scale tickets.
12 28 A scale or similar device equipped with a malfunctioning
12 29 automatic weight recorder ~~may shall not~~ be used for not more
12 30 than seven days if the scale or similar device is unable to
12 31 print or stamp the ticket ~~so long as~~ and only if a repair to the
12 32 automatic recorder is immediately initiated and the user dates,
12 33 signs, and accurately handwrites the required information on
12 34 the ticket until the scale or similar device is operational.

CODE: Specifies that, except for a scale used by a packer slaughtering fewer than 120 head of livestock per day, scales used for a commercial purpose with a capacity over 500 pounds must be equipped with a type-registering weigh beam, a dial with a mechanical ticket printer, an automatic weight recorder, or some similar commercial weighing and measuring device, must be used for printing and stamping the weight value on scale tickets. Prohibits a scale or similar device equipped with a malfunctioning automatic weight recorder from being used for more than seven days if the scale or similar device is unable to print or stamp a ticket, and the scale or similar device may only be used for those seven days if a repair to the automatic recorder is immediately initiated and the user dates, signs, and accurately handwrites the required information on the ticket until the scale or similar device is operational.

12 35 Sec. 29. Section 215.23, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
13 1 to read as follows:

13 2 2. In determining a servicer's qualifications, the
13 3 department may consider the specifications of the ~~United States~~
13 4 national institute of standards and technology, handbook 44,
13 5 "Specifications, Tolerances, and Technical Requirements for
13 6 Weighing and Measuring Devices", or the current successor or
13 7 equivalent specifications adopted by the ~~United States~~ national
13 8 institute of standards and technology.

CODE: Removes "United States" when referencing the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

13 9 Sec. 30. Section 452A.40, Code 2026, is amended by adding
 13 10 the following new subsection:
 13 11 NEW SUBSECTION 5A. "National institute of standards and
 13 12 technology" means the same as defined in section 215.1.

CODE: Specifies that the definition for "National Institute of Standards and Technology" in Iowa Code section [452A.40](#) is the same as the one provided in Iowa Code section [215.1](#).

13 13 Sec. 31. REPEAL. Sections 213.3 and 213.7, Code 2026, are
 13 14 repealed.

CODE: Repeals the ability for a citizen, firm, city or county, or educational institution to make a written request to the DALS for a test or calibration of any weights, measures, weighing or measuring device, or instruments or apparatus used as standards. Repeals the provision stating that any expenses incurred in furnishing cities with standards, or in comparing those that may be in the city's possession, must be borne by the city.

13 15 Sec. 32. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE.
 13 16 1. The Code editor is directed to make the following
 13 17 transfers:
 13 18 a. Section 213.1 to section 215.1B.
 13 19 b. Section 213.2 to section 215.1C.
 13 20 c. Section 215.18 to section 215.1D.
 13 21 d. Section 215.1A to section 215.1E.
 13 22 2. The Code editor shall correct internal references in the
 13 23 Code and in any enacted legislation as necessary due to the
 13 24 enactment of this section.

Provides direction to the Iowa Code Editor.

13 25 DIVISION V
 13 26 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP REGULATION —
 13 27 GRAIN MARKETING

13 28 PART A
 13 29 GRAIN DEALERS

13 30 Sec. 33. Section 203.3, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
 13 31 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
 13 32 lieu thereof the following:
 13 33 b. The grain dealer shall submit, as required by the
 13 34 department, a financial statement that is accompanied by
 13 35 an unqualified opinion based upon an audit performed by a
 14 1 certified public accountant licensed in this state. However,
 14 2 the department may accept a qualification in an opinion that
 14 3 is unavoidable by any audit procedure that is permitted under

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14 4 generally accepted accounting principles. An opinion that
14 5 is qualified because of a limited audit procedure or because
14 6 the scope of an audit is limited shall not be accepted by
14 7 the department. The department shall not require that a
14 8 grain dealer submit more than one such unqualified opinion
14 9 per year. The grain dealer, except as provided in section
14 10 203.15, may elect to submit a financial statement that is
14 11 accompanied by the report of a certified public accountant
14 12 licensed in this state that is based upon a review performed
14 13 by the certified public accountant in lieu of the audited
14 14 financial statement specified in this paragraph. However, at
14 15 any time the department may require a financial statement that
14 16 is accompanied by the report of a certified public accountant
14 17 licensed in this state that is based upon a review performed
14 18 by a certified public accountant if the department has good
14 19 cause. A grain dealer shall submit financial statements to
14 20 the department in addition to those required in this paragraph
14 21 if the department determines that it is necessary to verify
14 22 the grain dealer's financial status or compliance with this
14 23 subsection.

14 24 Sec. 34. Section 203.3, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
14 25 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
14 26 lieu thereof the following:

14 27 b. The grain dealer shall submit, as required by the
14 28 department, a financial statement that is accompanied by
14 29 an unqualified opinion based upon an audit performed by a
14 30 certified public accountant licensed in this state. However,
14 31 the department may accept a qualification in an opinion that
14 32 is unavoidable by any audit procedure that is permitted under
14 33 generally accepted accounting principles. An opinion that
14 34 is qualified because of a limited audit procedure or because
15 35 the scope of an audit is limited shall not be accepted by the
15 1 department. The department shall not require that a grain
15 2 dealer submit more than one such unqualified opinion per year.
15 3 The grain dealer may elect, however, to submit a financial
15 4 statement that is accompanied by the report of a certified
15 5 public accountant licensed in this state that is based upon
15 6 a review performed by the certified public accountant in
15 7 lieu of the audited financial statement specified in this
15 8 paragraph. However, at any time the department may require
15 9 a financial statement that is accompanied by the report of a

CODE: Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 2 grain dealer license.

15 10 certified public accountant licensed in this state that is
 15 11 based upon a review performed by a certified public accountant
 15 12 if the department has good cause. A grain dealer shall submit
 15 13 financial statements to the department in addition to those
 15 14 required in this paragraph if the department determines that it
 15 15 is necessary to verify the grain dealer's financial status or
 15 16 compliance with this section.

15 17 Sec. 35. Section 203.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
 15 18 2026, is amended to read as follows:

15 19 a. (1) "Delivery" Subject to subparagraph (2), "delivery"
 15 20 means the transfer of title to and possession of grain by a
 15 21 seller to a grain dealer or to another person in accordance
 15 22 with the terms of an agreement of by the seller and the grain
 15 23 dealer.

15 24 (2) Unless title to grain was previously transferred
 15 25 pursuant to an ordinary cash-sale contract, title to grain sold
 15 26 by credit-sale contract is deemed to have transferred to the
 15 27 grain dealer when all of the following occurs:

15 28 (a) The credit-sale contract is signed by both the grain
 15 29 dealer and the seller.

15 30 (b) The grain dealer has possession of the grain or another
 15 31 person has possession of the grain in accordance with the terms
 15 32 of the credit-sale contract.

CODE: Specifies that if a title to grain was previously transferred pursuant to an ordinary cash-sale contract, titles to grain sold by credit-sale contract are deemed to have transferred to the grain dealer when the credit-sale contract is signed by both the grain dealer and the seller, and the grain dealer has possession of the grain or another person has possession of the grain in accordance with the terms of the credit-sale contract.

15 33 Sec. 36. Section 203.12, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
 15 34 to read as follows:

15 35 1. Upon the cessation of a grain dealer license ~~by~~
 16 1 ~~revocation, cancellation, or expiration pursuant to section~~
 16 2 203.10 or upon the filing of a petition in bankruptcy by a
 16 3 grain dealer, any claim for the purchase price of grain against
 16 4 the grain dealer shall be made in writing and filed with the
 16 5 grain dealer and with the issuer of a deficiency bond or of an
 16 6 irrevocable letter of credit and with the department within
 16 7 one hundred twenty days after the date of the cessation ~~or the~~
 16 8 filing of a petition in bankruptcy, whichever occurs earlier.
 16 9 A failure to make this timely claim relieves the issuer and the
 16 10 grain depositors and sellers indemnity fund provided in chapter
 16 11 203D of all obligations to the claimant.

CODE: Specifies that upon the cessation of a grain dealer license pursuant to Iowa Code section [203.10](#) or upon the filing a petition of bankruptcy by a grain dealer, any claim for the purchase price of grain against the grain dealer must be made with the issuer of a deficiency bond or of an irrevocable letter of credit and with the DALs within 120 days after the date of cessation or filing of a petition in bankruptcy, whichever occurs first.

16 12 Sec. 37. Section 203.12A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
 16 13 amended to read as follows:

CODE: Specifies that the Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board, upon written demand of the grain dealer, must file a

16 14 5. The Iowa grain indemnity fund board, upon written demand
16 15 of the grain dealer, shall file a termination statement with
16 16 the secretary of state, if after one hundred eighty days from
16 17 the date that the lien is perfected the grain dealer's license
16 18 has not ceased by ~~revocation, cancellation, or expiration~~
16 19 pursuant to section 203C.10. Upon filing the termination
16 20 statement, the lien becomes unperfected. The board shall
16 21 also deliver a copy of the termination statement to the grain
16 22 dealer.

termination statement to the Secretary of State if after 180
days from the date that the lien is perfected the grain dealer's
license has not ceased pursuant to Iowa Code section
[203C.10](#).

16 23 Sec. 38. Section 203.15, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
16 24 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
16 25 following:

CODE: Provides criteria for a grain dealer who purchases
grain through a credit sale contract.

16 26 4. a. A grain dealer shall not purchase grain on
16 27 credit-sale contract during any time period in which the grain
16 28 dealer fails to maintain fifty cents of net worth for each
16 29 outstanding bushel of grain purchased under credit. The grain
16 30 dealer may maintain a deficiency bond or an irrevocable letter
16 31 of credit in the amount of two thousand dollars for each one
16 32 thousand dollars or fraction thereof of deficiency in net
16 33 worth.

16 34 b. A grain dealer who is also a warehouse operator licensed
16 35 by the department under chapter 203C or the United States
17 1 department of agriculture under the United States Warehouse
17 2 Act, and who does not have a sufficient quantity or quality
17 3 of grain to satisfy the warehouse operator's obligations
17 4 based on an examination by the department or the United
17 5 States department of agriculture shall not purchase grain on
17 6 credit-sale contract to correct the shortage of grain.

17 7 c. (1) A grain dealer must meet at least either of the
17 8 following conditions:

17 9 (a) The grain dealer's last financial statement required
17 10 to be submitted to the department pursuant to section 203.3
17 11 is accompanied by an unqualified opinion based upon an audit
17 12 performed by a certified public accountant licensed in this
17 13 state.

17 14 (b) The grain dealer files a bond with the department in
17 15 the amount of one hundred thousand dollars payable to the
17 16 department.

17 17 (2) (a) The bond filed with the department under this
17 18 paragraph shall be used to indemnify sellers for losses
17 19 resulting from a breach of a credit-sale contract as provided

17 20 by rules adopted by the department. The rules shall include
17 21 but are not limited to procedures and criteria for providing
17 22 notice, filing claims, valuing losses, and paying claims. The
17 23 bond provided in this paragraph shall be in addition to any
17 24 other bond required in this chapter.

17 25 (b) The bond shall not be canceled by the issuer on less
17 26 than ninety days' notice by certified mail to the department
17 27 and the principal. However, if an adequate replacement bond
17 28 is filed with the department, the department may authorize
17 29 the cancellation of the original bond before the end of the
17 30 ninety-day period.

17 31 (c) If an adequate replacement bond is not received by the
17 32 department within sixty days of the issuance of the notice of
17 33 cancellation, the department shall suspend the grain dealer's
17 34 license. The department shall cause an inspection of the
17 35 licensed grain dealer immediately at the end of the sixty-day
18 1 period. If a replacement bond is not filed within another
18 2 thirty days following the suspension, the department shall
18 3 revoke the grain dealer's license.

18 4 (3) When a license is revoked, the department shall provide
18 5 notice of the revocation by ordinary mail to the last known
18 6 address of each holder of an outstanding credit-sale contract
18 7 and all known sellers.

18 8 PART B

18 9 GRAIN OPERATORS

18 10 Sec. 39. Section 203C.6, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
18 11 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
18 12 lieu thereof the following:

18 13 b. The warehouse operator shall submit, as required by
18 14 the department, a financial statement that is accompanied by
18 15 an unqualified opinion based upon an audit performed by a
18 16 certified public accountant licensed in this state. However,
18 17 the department may accept a qualification in an opinion that
18 18 is unavoidable by any audit procedure that is permitted under
18 19 generally accepted accounting principles. An opinion that
18 20 is qualified because of a limited audit procedure or because
18 21 the scope of an audit is limited shall not be accepted by the
18 22 department. The department shall not require that a warehouse
18 23 operator submit more than one such unqualified opinion per
18 24 year. The warehouse operator may elect, however, to submit

CODE: Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 1 warehouse operator license.

18 25 a financial statement that is accompanied by the report of
18 26 a certified public accountant licensed in this state that
18 27 is based upon a review performed by the certified public
18 28 accountant in lieu of the audited financial statement specified
18 29 in this paragraph. However, at any time the department may
18 30 require a financial statement that is accompanied by the report
18 31 of a certified public accountant licensed in this state that is
18 32 based upon a review performed by a certified public accountant
18 33 if the department has good cause. A warehouse operator shall
18 34 submit financial statements to the department in addition to
18 35 those required in this paragraph if the department determines
19 1 that it is necessary to verify the warehouse operator's
19 2 financial status or compliance with this subsection.

19 3 Sec. 40. Section 203C.6, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
19 4 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
19 5 lieu thereof the following:

19 6 b. The warehouse operator shall submit, as required by
19 7 the department, a financial statement that is accompanied by
19 8 an unqualified opinion based upon an audit performed by a
19 9 certified public accountant licensed in this state. However,
19 10 the department may accept a qualification in an opinion that
19 11 is unavoidable by any audit procedure that is permitted under
19 12 generally accepted accounting principles. An opinion that
19 13 is qualified because of a limited audit procedure or because
19 14 the scope of an audit is limited shall not be accepted by the
19 15 department. The department shall not require that a warehouse
19 16 operator submit more than one such unqualified opinion per
19 17 year. The warehouse operator may elect, however, to submit
19 18 a financial statement that is accompanied by the report of
19 19 a certified public accountant licensed in this state that
19 20 is based upon a review performed by the certified public
19 21 accountant in lieu of the audited financial statement specified
19 22 in this paragraph. However, at any time the department may
19 23 require a financial statement that is accompanied by the report
19 24 of a certified public accountant licensed in this state that is
19 25 based upon a review performed by a certified public accountant
19 26 if the department has good cause. A warehouse operator shall
19 27 submit financial statements to the department in addition to
19 28 those required in this paragraph if the department determines
19 29 that it is necessary to verify the warehouse operator's
19 30 financial status or compliance with this subsection.

CODE: Provides conditions for financial statements submitted to the DALs when applying for a Class 2 warehouse operator license.

19 31 PART C

19 32 GRAIN DEPOSITORS AND SELLERS INDEMNIFICATION

19 33 Sec. 41. Section 203D.3A, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
19 34 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
19 35 NEW PARAGRAPH e. (1) If the per-bushel fee is passed
20 1 on to a seller, the per-bushel fee shall occur at the time of
20 2 payment.
20 3 (2) As used in subparagraph (1), "payment" means the same as
20 4 defined in section 203.8.

CODE: Requires that the per-bushel fee occur at the time of payment if the fee is passed on to a seller and specifies that "payment" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section [203.8](#).

20 5 Sec. 42. Section 203D.6, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code
20 6 2026, is amended to read as follows:
20 7 a. Upon a determination by the board that an eligible
20 8 claim satisfies the requirements in subsection 4, the board
20 9 shall indemnify the claimant as a depositor under subsection
20 10 5, and a seller under subsection 6. Upon a determination by
20 11 the board that an eligible repayment claim ~~was~~ filed by that
20 12 seller under section 203D.6A, ~~derives from the same covered~~
20 13 ~~transaction during the claim period, and the repayment loss~~
20 14 ~~incurred for that claim,~~ the board shall indemnify the claimant
20 15 ~~as a seller~~ subject to the requirements of this section and
20 16 ~~section 203D.6A.~~

Requires the Grain Indemnity Fund Board to indemnify a claimant as a depositor and a seller upon determination by the Grain Indemnity Fund Board that a claim satisfies requirements in Iowa Code section [203D.6](#). If the Grain Indemnity Fund Board determines that an eligible repayment claim was filed by the seller under Iowa Code section [203D.6A](#) the Grain Indemnity Fund Board is required to indemnify the claimant subject to the requirements of Iowa Code section 203D.6.

20 17 Sec. 43. Section 203D.6A, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
20 18 amended to read as follows:
20 19 2. To be timely, a seller must file a repayment claim with
20 20 the department not later than sixty days after the amount
20 21 of the seller's loss is finalized by a bankruptcy court,
20 22 whether by an order issued, judgment entered, or settlement
20 23 agreement approved. However, if a seller's loss is based upon
20 24 a bankruptcy court's default judgment, to be timely, the seller
20 25 must file a repayment claim with the department not later than
20 26 sixty days after the bankruptcy court's default judgment is
20 27 entered or a subsequent settlement agreement is approved and
20 28 entered, whichever is later.

CODE: Requires a seller to file a repayment claim with the DALS no later than 60 days after a bankruptcy court's default judgement is entered or a subsequent settlement agreement is approved and entered, whichever is later, if the seller's loss is based upon a bankruptcy court's default judgement.

20 29 PART D

20 30 EFFECTIVE DATE

20 31 Sec. 44. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
20 32 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Specifies that Division V of the Bill related to grain marketing takes effect upon enactment.

20 33 DIVISION VI
20 34 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY

20 35 Sec. 45. Section 321.457, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
21 1 2026, is amended to read as follows:
21 2 f. (1) A trailer or semitrailer, laden or unladen, shall
21 3 not have an overall length in excess of fifty-three feet
21 4 when operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer combination
21 5 exclusive of retractable extensions used to support the load.
21 6 However, when a trailer or semitrailer is used exclusively
21 7 for the transportation of passenger vehicles, light delivery
21 8 trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks, recreational
21 9 vehicle chassis, or boats, the load carried on the trailer or
21 10 semitrailer may extend up to three feet beyond the front bumper
21 11 and up to four feet beyond the rear bumper of the trailer or
21 12 semitrailer.
21 13 (2) A lowboy semitrailer, laden or unladen, ~~which that~~ is
21 14 designed and exclusively used for the transportation of either
21 15 construction equipment or an implement of husbandry shall not
21 16 have an overall length in excess of fifty-seven feet when used
21 17 in a truck tractor-semitrailer combination.

CODE: Specifies that an implement of husbandry cannot have an overall length in excess of 57 feet when used in a truck tractor-semitrailer combination and operated on the highways of the State.

21 18 DIVISION VII
21 19 AGRICULTURAL TOURISM

21 20 Sec. 46. Section 673A.3, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
21 21 2026, is amended to read as follows:
21 22 b. "Farm" includes but is not limited to a farm field,
21 23 orchard, tree farm, nursery, greenhouse, garden, elevator,
21 24 seedhouse, barn, warehouse, animal feeding operation structure,
21 25 winery, brewery, distillery, or any personal property located
21 26 on the land including machinery or equipment used in the
21 27 production of a farm commodity.

CODE: Adds tree farms to the definition of "farm" for the purposes of the Iowa Agricultural Tourism Promotion Act established in Iowa Code chapter [673A](#).

21 28 Sec. 47. Section 673A.3, subsection 9, Code 2026, is amended
21 29 to read as follows:
21 30 9. "Farm crop" means a plant or fungus used for food, animal
21 31 feed, fiber, or oil, energy, or decoration, including any of

CODE: Updates the definition of "farm crop" to include fungus used for food, animal feed, oil, energy, or decoration, including honey, and adds nuts, maple syrup, mushrooms, and Christmas trees to what can qualify as a farm crop.

21 32 the following:
 21 33 a. A forage or cereal plant, including but not limited to
 21 34 alfalfa, barley, buckwheat, corn, flax, forage, millet, oats,
 21 35 popcorn, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, wheat, and grasses
 22 1 used for forage or silage.
 22 2 b. Edible or ornamental produce, including but not limited
 22 3 to fruit such as apples, cherries, peaches, pears, berries, and
 22 4 grapes; vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli, and carrots;
 22 5 lentils; tubers; squashes and pumpkins; gourds; nuts; maple
 22 6 syrup; mushrooms; Christmas trees; and flowers.
 22 7 c. Honey.

22 8 DIVISION VIII
 22 9 LAND USE

22 10 Sec. 48. Section 335.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
 22 11 following new subsection:
 22 12 NEW SUBSECTION 4. As used in subsection 1, an agricultural
 22 13 purpose includes but is not limited to an agricultural tourism
 22 14 activity or event, value-added agricultural processing,
 22 15 direct-to-consumer marketing, or other on-farm enterprises that
 22 16 support the economic viability of the farm.

CODE: Specifies that an agricultural purpose includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- An agricultural tourism activity or event.
- Value-added agricultural processing.
- Direct-to-consumer marketing.
- Other on-farm enterprises that support the economic viability of the farm.

22 17 Sec. 49. Section 335.28, Code 2026, is amended to read as
 22 18 follows:
 22 19 335.28 AGRICULTURAL ~~EXPERIENCES~~ EXPERIENCE .
 22 20 1. a. For purposes of this section, “agricultural
 22 21 experience” includes but is not limited to any
 22 22 agriculture-related activity, or agriculture-related
 22 23 event, as a that constitutes a secondary use in conjunction
 22 24 with agricultural production, on a farm which if the
 22 25 agriculture-related activity, or agriculture-related event,
 22 26 is located on a farm and open to the public with for the
 22 27 intended purpose of promoting or educating the public about
 22 28 agriculture, agricultural practices, agricultural activities,
 22 29 or agricultural products.
 22 30 b. “Agricultural experience” also includes any of the
 22 31 following:
 22 32 (1) Agricultural tourism activities, such as recreational,
 22 33 entertainment, dining, or celebratory events, or short-term

CODE: Specifies that agricultural experience is not limited to any agriculture-related activity or agriculture-related event if the activity or event is located on a farm open to the public for the intended purpose of promoting or educating the public about agriculture or agricultural practices, activities, or products. An agricultural experience includes the following:

- Agricultural tourism activities.
- A fair event conducted on a fairgrounds under the management or control of a fair as defined in Iowa Code section [174.1](#).

22 34 rental opportunities offered on a working farm, so long as the
 22 35 farm's primary use remains agricultural production.
 23 1 (2) A fair event conducted on a fairgrounds under the
 23 2 management or control of a fair as defined in section 174.1.
 23 3 2. To assist in the promotion of agricultural experiences,
 23 4 a county shall not require a conditional use permit, special
 23 5 use permit, special exception, or variance for an agricultural
 23 6 experiences experience on property of which the primary use is
 23 7 agricultural production.

23 8 Sec. 50. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
 23 9 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

23 10 Sec. 51. APPLICABILITY. Any conditional use permit,
 23 11 special use permit, special exception, or variance described
 23 12 in section 335.28, as amended by this division of this Act, is
 23 13 void and unenforceable.

23 14 DIVISION IX
 23 15 HONEYBEES — SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION

23 16 Sec. 52. Section 423.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
 23 17 following new subsection:
 23 18 NEW SUBSECTION 111. The sales price of honeybees.

23 19 DIVISION X
 23 20 VETERINARY PRACTICE

23 21 PART A
 23 22 RURAL VETERINARIAN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

23 23 Sec. 53. Section 256.226, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code
 23 24 2026, is amended to read as follows:
 23 25 c. ~~(1)~~—Secure Subject to subparagraph (2), secure an
 23 26 offer of employment or establish and maintain a practice in a
 23 27 veterinary shortage situation or rural service commitment area

Specifies that Division VIII of the Bill related to land use takes effect upon enactment.

Specifies that any conditional use permit, special use permit, special exception, or variance described in Iowa Code section [335.28](#) is void and unenforceable.

Exempts the sale of honeybees from the State sales and use tax.

FISCAL IMPACT: Beginning in FY 2027, Division IX of the Bill is estimated to decrease annual revenue to the General Fund by \$8,800, the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund by \$1,800, and the local option sales tax (LOST) by \$1,700.

CODE: Authorizes a Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment (RVLR) Program recipient to complete years of practice required under an agreement by securing new employment or establishing or maintaining a new practice in the same veterinary shortage area or rural service commitment area.

23 28 and engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine
 23 29 for a period of four consecutive years after entering into the
 23 30 agreement in the veterinary shortage area or rural service
 23 31 commitment area, ~~unless the loan repayment recipient receives.~~
 23 32 (2) (a) The loan repayment recipient may notify the
 23 33 commission that the loan repayment recipient will complete the
 23 34 years of full-time practice required under the agreement by
 23 35 securing new employment, or establishing and maintaining a new
 24 1 practice, in the same veterinary shortage area or rural service
 24 2 commitment area, according to rules adopted by the commission.
 24 3 (b) The commission may grant the loan repayment recipient a
 24 4 waiver from the commission to complete the years of full-time
 24 5 practice required under the agreement in another veterinary
 24 6 shortage area or rural service commitment area pursuant to
 24 7 subsection 7.

24 8 PART B
 24 9 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

24 10 Sec. 54. Section 422.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
 24 11 following new subsection:
 24 12 NEW SUBSECTION 46. a. Subtract, to the extent included,
 24 13 loan repayments received under a program agreement entered into
 24 14 by a taxpayer who is a loan repayment recipient and the Iowa
 24 15 college student aid commission pursuant to section 256.226, if
 24 16 the taxpayer fulfills the obligation to engage in the practice
 24 17 of veterinary medicine according to terms of that section and
 24 18 the program agreement.
 24 19 b. The amount subtracted in paragraph "a" shall not exceed
 24 20 the following limits:
 24 21 (1) For any tax year, fifteen thousand dollars.
 24 22 (2) For the aggregate of all tax years, sixty thousand
 24 23 dollars.
 24 24 (3) In any case, the amount of the outstanding eligible
 24 25 loan.

24 26 Sec. 55. EFFECTIVE DATE. This part of this division of this
 24 27 Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

CODE: Authorizes a licensed veterinarian participating in the RVL R Program to deduct net income from loan repayments, up to \$15,000 per tax year and \$60,000 for all tax years combined. The deduction cannot exceed the amount of the outstanding eligible loan.

FISCAL IMPACT: The deduction for licensed veterinarians participating in the RVL R Program is estimated to decrease General Fund revenue by approximately \$27,000 annually beginning in FY 2028 and decrease the statewide local option income surtax for schools by less than \$1,000 annually.

Specifies that Division X, Part B of the Bill, related to the deduction for licensed veterinarians participating in the RVL R Program takes effect January 1, 2027, and is applicable for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

24 28 Sec. 56. APPLICABILITY. This part of this division of this
24 29 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

Specifies that Division X of the Bill related to income tax exemption, is applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.