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House File 211

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By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE 1.

## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter two hundred fifteen (215),  
and to amend section two hundred fifteen point  
one (215.1), Code 1946, relating to inspection  
and installation of weights and measures.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Amend section two hundred fifteen  
2 point one (215.1), Code 1946, by adding thereto the  
3 following:

4 It shall be unlawful to place a new scale of  
5 2000 pounds capacity or more, in operation for commercial  
6 purposes, in this state, unless said scale is so installed  
7 that the same is easily accessible for inspection and  
8 testing by equipment of the state department of agriculture  
9 and with due regard to size and capacity thereof. Every  
10 scale manufacturer or dealer shall upon selling a scale  
11 in Iowa submit to the department of agriculture upon forms  
12 provided by said department, the make, beam capacity of the  
13 scale, the date of sale, and the date and location of its  
14 installation.

1 Sec. 2. Amend chapter two hundred fifteen  
2 (215), Code 1946, by adding the following sections.

- 3     1. All new scales installed in the state  
4 shall be what is known as the type registering beam  
5 or printing type beam.
- 6     2. The weight indicating dial on counter-  
7 scales used to weigh food stuffs sold at retail shall  
8 be placed not more than sixty (60) inches or less than  
9 forty-eight (48) inches above the floor of the room,  
10 and the reading dial indicating the weight shall at all  
11 times be visible to the public.
- 12     3. Any person, or firm, engaging in any scale  
13 repair work in this state shall first file with the depart-  
14 ment of agriculture a bond in the sum of one thousand  
15 (\$1,000.00) dollars to guarantee the workmanship and faith-  
16 ful performance of the assumed task.

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 211

(This is a bill from the Department of Agriculture)

Section 1 of this bill, in the future, will make it possible for any scale being installed, to be so installed that it can be inspected with the trucks and weights which are used by the Weights and Measures Division of the Department of Agriculture. In other words, no scale could be installed that would have obstructions which would prevent the Department from using said above mentioned equipment.

The second part of this section is simply to inform the Department of Agriculture when a new scale is sold in the State of Iowa, in order to help us in inspections of same.

Part 1 of Section 1 is simply that all dials on scales used for selling at retail must be visible to the buying public at all times, thereby enabling the buyer to see the weights which he is purchasing.

Section 2 is to protect the owner of all so-called heavy scales from fly-by-night scale repair men. In other words, by posting a bond, it would give the owner of the scale some assurance that the person or persons repairing the scale are trained in that field.