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Agriculture 1. *Pass 3/25*

House File 411
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Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize the secretary of agriculture of the state of Iowa to provide regulations setting forth minimum general safety standards for design, construction, location, installation and operation of storage facilities, the handling of transportation and utilization of anhydrous ammonia as an agricultural fertilizer; to provide for penalties for violation of this Act and the rules and regulations enacted thereunder.

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

- 1 Section 1. The term "anhydrous ammonia" as used in this Act
- 2 refers to the compound formed by the combination of the two
- 3 gaseous elements, nitrogen and hydrogen, in the proportion of
- 4 one part nitrogen to three parts hydrogen (by volume). Anhydrous
- 5 ammonia is ammonia gas in compressed and liquefied form.
- 1 Sec. 2. The secretary of agriculture of the state of Iowa
- 2 shall make, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations setting
- 3 forth minimum general safety standards for design, construction,
- 4 location, installation and operation of storage facilities,
- 5 and the handling, transportation and utilization of anhydrous
- 6 ammonia. Rules and regulations shall be such as are reasonably
- 7 necessary for the protection and safety of the public and persons
- 8 using anhydrous ammonia. Such rules and regulations shall be
- 9 adopted and promulgated by the secretary of agriculture only after
- 10 public hearing has been had by him on the proposed regulations
- 11 after publication of two weeks' notice in three newspapers
- 12 published in the state of Iowa.

1 Sec. 3. After the publication of such rules and regulations
2 promulgated by the secretary of agriculture, anhydrous ammonia
3 or the storage thereof thereafter shall be handled or stored
4 only in conformity with such rules and regulations.

1 Sec. 4. Any person violating any provision of this Act or
2 the rules and regulations of the secretary of agriculture
3 promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
4 upon conviction shall be fined not less than twenty-five
5 dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
6 Each day during which such violation shall continue after
7 conviction shall be considered a separate offense.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 411

This bill permits the secretary of agriculture after public notice and hearing to promulgate rules and regulations for the handling, transportation, and storage of anhydrous ammonia. This is a safety measure.