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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for labeling requirements for genetically  
2 modified seeds and making penalties applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 199.1, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "Genetically modified" means to alter  
4 the genetic characteristics of a plant by modifying the  
5 deoxyribonucleic acid of the plant's seed in a manner other  
6 than by breeding or pollination.

7 Sec. 2. Section 199.3, subsection 1, Code 2001, is amended  
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. An identification of genetically  
10 modified agricultural or vegetable seed. If the agricultural  
11 or vegetable seed is genetically modified, the label shall  
12 provide information regarding recommended planting and  
13 management practices required to minimize the risk of  
14 transferring gene characteristics to other varieties of  
15 plants.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill amends Code chapter 199 that regulates the  
18 labeling of agricultural and vegetable seed. The bill  
19 requires that the label include recommended planting and  
20 management practices required to minimize the risk of  
21 transferring gene characteristics to other varieties of  
22 plants. A person violating the provisions of the bill is  
23 guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

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