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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a weed-free certification program for forage
2 or mulch, and establishing fees.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 317.27 WEED-FREE CERTIFICATION
2 PROGRAM.

3 1. The board of supervisors for a county that has
4 appointed a county weed commissioner may adopt an ordinance
5 providing for a weed-free certification program for forage or
6 mulch as provided in this section. The purposes of the
7 program are to limit the spread of noxious seeds, noxious
8 weeds, and undesirable plants and to increase markets for
9 weed-free forage or mulch.

10 2. An ordinance adopted by a county board of supervisors
11 and any related policy adopted by a county weed commissioner
12 shall conform with rules which shall be adopted by the state
13 weed commissioner. The state weed commissioner shall adopt
14 rules listing, noxious weed seeds, noxious weeds and
15 undesirable plants; establishing management and treatment
16 practices; and establishing inspection procedures; and
17 providing for documentation related to certification,
18 including transit forms, markings, or tags. The list shall at
19 least include primary and noxious weed seeds as defined in
20 section 199.1 and primary and secondary noxious weeds as
21 defined in section 317.1A. The department may publish the
22 forms or set forth requirements for such forms to be published
23 by the county weed commissioner. The rules may also require
24 that county weed commissioners attend continuing education
25 courses in order to administer the program. The rules shall
26 to every extent practicable be based on programs administered
27 in other states, requirements of federal agencies as provided
28 in section 7 U.S.C. § 2814, and recommendations of interested
29 organizations proposing regional forage certification
30 standards.

31 3. The state weed commissioner, in cooperation with Iowa
32 state university, other state or federal agencies, or
33 interested organizations, may conduct continuing educational
34 courses for county weed commissioners as required in order to
35 administer this section.

1 4. For the purpose of obtaining revenue to defray the
 2 costs of administering the provisions of this section, the
 3 county board of supervisors may establish fees required for
 4 certification, and the department of agriculture and land
 5 stewardship and Iowa state university may establish fees for
 6 conducting continuing education courses. All moneys received
 7 by the department or Iowa state university shall be handled in
 8 the same manner as repayment receipts, as defined in section
 9 8.2, and shall be used solely for the administration and
 10 enforcement of this section.

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EXPLANATION

This bill provides for a weed-free certification program
 for forage or mulch. A board of supervisors for a county that
 has appointed a county weed commissioner may adopt an
 ordinance providing for the program. The department of
 agriculture and land stewardship (and specifically the state
 weed commissioner) must adopt rules listing noxious weed
 seeds, noxious weeds and undesirable plants; establishing
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