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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 557
Committee: House Agriculture
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Ranking Member: Representative Hein

Swine Exhibition Trace-Back Health Regulations Reports

House File 557 proposes to eliminate a Code section that while needed when Iowa was struggling to eradicate pseudo-rabies, that is no longer needed and now creates an unreasonable barrier to hog producers wishing to participate in multiple hog shows over the summer season. The current requirement of 30 to 60-days isolation and retesting is expensive (\$50 to \$150) and burdensome. The provisions being stricken was legislated in 1989 as part of comprehensive pseudo-rabies control legislation (Senate File 474). Since then, Iowa reached stage V pseudorabies status in the winter/spring of 2004, the nation's commercial swine herds have been free from pseudorabies since 2004, and current federal requirements for Part III Stage V specifies that states are required to develop and adopt a management plan that adequately separates and controls the interface of feral and transitional production swine with commercial production swine. The bill was amended in Committee to address the concerns that the state Veterinary and some pork producers had with the original bill. The amendment added language to the bill that that adds pseudorabies explicitly to the list of "infectious or contagious diseases" in the Code chapter (163) dealing with "Infectious and Contagious Diseases Among Animals", defines 'exhibitions' in that chapter, and provides a list of 'trace-back' information that the exhibition must acquire from exhibitors and that an exhibition must report to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and provides that the bill is effective on January 1, 2012.

The bill was considered, amended and passed (as House File 369, which became HF 557) by the House Agriculture Committee Tuesday, March 1, 2011, by a unanimous 22-aye vote. There is no Senate companion to HF 557.

Summary of Action

The House Agriculture Committee **PASSED** HF 557 (as HF 369) on March 1, 2010 by a 22-0 vote.

Section by Section Analysis

Sections 1 – Pseudorabies is Added to List of Infectious & Contagious Disease in the Infectious & Contagious Diseases Among Animal Code Chapter (162)

Section 2—‘Exhibition’ is defined in Code Chapter 162 & Specifies Trace Back Information that Must be Acquired and Sent to IDALS This section provides that the sponsor of the exhibition must retain a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian must submit an exhibition report to IDALS that the exhibition must contain information regarding the exhibition, the veterinarian, the owner of the swine, and the original and receiving premises of the swine involved.

Section 3—Exhibition is defined in the Pseudorabies Code Chapter (166D) by Reference to the Definition in 162

Section 4—Strikes Existing Provision in 166D that Swine Returning from an Exhibition Must be Isolated & Retested for not Less than 30days or More than 60-Days

Section 5—Provides for a delayed Effective Date of January 1, 2012

Amendments

None Filed at this Time