

SENATE BILL No. 201

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-2.1-18.

Synopsis: Emergency animal health and health rules. Allows the governor, during a disease epidemic in another state, to prohibit the importation of animals or products derived from animals that would be injurious to the health of Indiana's citizens or animals. Provides that if the Indiana state board of animal health determines that a disease presents a definite health hazard: (1) the board may adopt emergency rules; and (2) the state veterinarian may issue emergency orders. Provides that if the board determines that a disease epidemic will result in a large number of dead animals, the board may adopt emergency rules concerning the disposal of dead animals. Allows the board, when an animal health emergency is declared, to: (1) use any funds appropriated to the board; and (2) request additional funds from the budget agency.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-2.1-18-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 13. ~~Proclamation~~
3 ~~Against Importation of Certain Animals~~. Whenever the governor has
4 good reason to believe that any disease has become epidemic in
5 another state and that the importation of animals **or products derived**
6 **from animals** from that state would be injurious to the health of **the**
7 **citizens or** the animals of this state, ~~he~~ **the governor** may, on the
8 recommendation of the board, designate such locality by proclamation
9 and prohibit the entry or stipulate the conditions under which animals
10 **and products derived from animals** of the type diseased or animals
11 exposed to the disease may enter the state.

12 SECTION 2. IC 15-2.1-18-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 21. If the board determines that**
15 **a disease presents a definite health hazard to the citizens or**
16 **animals of the state, the following action may be taken:**

17 (1) **The board may adopt emergency rules under**



1 **IC 4-22-2-37.1 that provide for any of the following:**

2 **(A) Prohibit or impose conditions on importing animals**
3 **and products derived from animals into the state.**

4 **(B) Require testing of animals and products derived from**
5 **animals.**

6 **(C) Require vaccination of animals.**

7 **(D) Restrict moving animals and products derived from**
8 **animals within the state.**

9 **(E) Impose other measures governing animals and**
10 **products derived from animals to protect the citizens and**
11 **animals of the state from disease.**

12 **(2) The state veterinarian may issue emergency orders under**
13 **IC 4-21.5-4 governing animals and products derived from**
14 **animals, in order to protect the citizens and animals of the**
15 **state from disease.**

16 SECTION 3. IC 15-2.1-18-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 22. If the board determines that**
19 **a disease epidemic has or is imminently likely to result in a large**
20 **number of dead animals, the board may facilitate the prompt**
21 **disposal of the dead animals by adopting an emergency rule under**
22 **IC 4-22-2-37.1 that amends or suspends:**

23 **(1) IC 15-2.1-16; and**

24 **(2) any rule adopted by the board that governs the disposal of**
25 **dead animals.**

26 SECTION 4. IC 15-2.1-18-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 23. If the board determines that**
29 **an animal disease presents a definite hazard to the citizens or**
30 **animals of the state, the board may declare an animal health**
31 **emergency. If an animal health emergency is declared, the board**
32 **may:**

33 **(1) use funds appropriated to the board by the general**
34 **assembly for indemnity or any other purpose; and**

35 **(2) submit to the budget agency a request for additional funds**
36 **under IC 4-12-1-15 or any other prescribed procedure, for the**
37 **purpose of addressing the animal health emergency.**

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