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A RESOLUTION

To recognize the existence of two alfalfa products
in light of the recent action of the Ingredient
Definition Committee of the Association of
American Feed Control Officials.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The Ingredient Definition Committee of the
Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)
established the existence of two alfalfa products - direct
dehydrated alfalfa and sun-cured alfalfa; and

WHEREAS, AAFCO has recently taken action to define direct
dehydrated alfalfa to mean the aerial portion of the alfalfa
plant, reasonably free of other crop plants, weeds, and mold,
that has not been stored in bales or in stacks as sun-cured
alfalfa hay prior to being ground and dried by thermal means
under controlled conditions; and

WHEREAS, AAFCO has set out to differentiate between chopped
alfalfa, which is dehydrated in the field, from alfalfa stored
as bales or stacks; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General
Assembly of the State of Ohio, seek to maintain transparency in
Ohio's agriculture and animal feed industry and to protect Ohio
consumers; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge alfalfa manufacturers to label alfalfa based on AAFCO's alfalfa definitions, so that only direct dehydrated alfalfa that meets AAFCO's new definition may contain the words "dehydrated alfalfa" on the product's label within this state; and be it further	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge alfalfa processors and suppliers to label any alfalfa product that is stored as bales or stacks and any alfalfa product that contains sun-cured alfalfa as "sun-cured alfalfa" as defined by AAFCO in section 3.1 of its Official Publication and not as "direct dehydrated alfalfa" or "dehydrated alfalfa"; and be it further	29 30 31 32 33 34 35
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recognize AAFCO's current 3.5 definition of "direct dehydrated alfalfa" and no longer recognize the previous 3.2 definition of "dehydrated alfalfa"; and be it further	36 37 38 39 40
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to AAFCO.	41 42