

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.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives 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 House of Representatives 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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives 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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives 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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives 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

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to AAFCO.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted _____, 20____