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Senator Hite

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the existence of two alfalfa products 1
in light of the recent action of the Ingredient 2
Definition Committee of the Association of 3
American Feed Control Officials. 4

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

WHEREAS, The Ingredient Definition Committee of the 5
Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) 6
established the existence of two alfalfa products - direct 7
dehydrated alfalfa and sun-cured alfalfa; and 8

WHEREAS, AAFCO has recently taken action to define direct 9
dehydrated alfalfa to mean the aerial portion of the alfalfa 10
plant, reasonably free of other crop plants, weeds, and mold, 11
that has not been stored in bales or in stacks as sun-cured 12
alfalfa hay prior to being ground and dried by thermal means 13
under controlled conditions; and 14

WHEREAS, AAFCO has set out to differentiate between chopped 15
alfalfa, which is dehydrated in the field, from alfalfa stored 16
as bales or stacks; and 17

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Senate of the 132nd General 18
Assembly of the State of Ohio, seek to maintain transparency in 19
Ohio's agriculture and animal feed industry and to protect Ohio 20
consumers; now therefore be it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 22
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 23
resolution, urge alfalfa manufacturers to label alfalfa based on 24
AAFCO's alfalfa definitions, so that only direct dehydrated 25
alfalfa that meets AAFCO's new definition may contain the words 26
"dehydrated alfalfa" on the product's label within this state; 27
and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 29
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge alfalfa processors 30
and suppliers to label any alfalfa product that is stored as 31
bales or stacks and any alfalfa product that contains sun-cured 32
alfalfa as "sun-cured alfalfa" as defined by AAFCO in section 33
3.1 of its Official Publication and not as "direct dehydrated 34
alfalfa" or "dehydrated alfalfa"; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 36
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recognize AAFCO's current 37
3.5 definition of "direct dehydrated alfalfa" and no longer 38
recognize the previous 3.2 definition of "dehydrated alfalfa"; 39
and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 41
authenticated copy of this resolution to AAFCO. 42