

**As Introduced**

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**Senator LaRose**

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**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