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**Representatives Sprague, Hill**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Koehler, Patterson, Patmon, Rezabek, Sheehy**

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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 House of Representatives of 18

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

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 29  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 30  
Ohio, urge alfalfa processors and suppliers to label any alfalfa 31  
product that is stored as bales or stacks and any alfalfa 32  
product that contains sun-cured alfalfa as "sun-cured alfalfa" 33  
as defined by AAFCO in section 3.1 of its Official Publication 34  
and not as "direct dehydrated alfalfa" or "dehydrated alfalfa"; 35  
and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 37  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 38  
Ohio, recognize AAFCO's current 3.5 definition of "direct 39  
dehydrated alfalfa" and no longer recognize the previous 3.2 40  
definition of "dehydrated alfalfa"; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 42  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to AAFCO. 43