



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

BILL AND AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Sale of Eggs HF 2408

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: Agriculture 22-1

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Summary

HF 2408 mandates that if a grocery store participates in the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children (WIC), they must carry an inventory of conventional eggs if they carried conventional eggs prior to January 1, 2018. The legislation does not prevent any grocery store from stocking specialty eggs.

Under WIC rules, WIC recipients are prohibited from purchasing specialty eggs. Specialty eggs include cage-free, free-range, organic or enriched colony cage.

The Department of Inspection and Appeals will assist the Department of Public Health in adopting rules to implement and administer the law. If necessary, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will work with the Department of Public Health to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture for a waiver or other exception from regulations.

Amendment

H-8083 by Isenhardt: States that if a grocery store offers specialty eggs to WIC recipients at the same or lower price than conventional eggs they will be in compliance with the requirements of the law.

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