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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 276**

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Committee: Agriculture

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; to amend  
2 sections 81-2,155, 81-2,156, and 81-2,157, Reissue Revised Statutes  
3 of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to hybrid seed corn; to  
4 redefine terms; to change sale and tagging restrictions; to provide  
5 enforcement powers and judicial remedies; and to repeal the original  
6 sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-2,155, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3 81-2,155 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or  
4 its agents or representatives to sell, offer or expose for sale, or  
5 falsely mark or tag, within the State of Nebraska, any seed corn as  
6 hybrid unless it is answers to the following definition: ~~Hybrid seed corn~~  
7 ~~shall be~~ seed of the first generation of a cross involving two, three, or  
8 four different inbred lines of corn or their combinations, ~~and shall be~~  
9 ~~restricted to seed of single crosses, three-way crosses, and double~~  
10 ~~crosses, these in turn being defined as follows:~~

11 ~~(1) Single cross: The first generation of a hybrid between two~~  
12 ~~inbred lines;~~

13 ~~(2) Three-way cross: The first generation of a hybrid between a~~  
14 ~~single cross and an inbred line;~~

15 ~~(3) Double cross: The first generation of a hybrid between two~~  
16 ~~single crosses.~~

17 Sec. 2. Section 81-2,156, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
18 amended to read:

19 81-2,156 The cross mentioned in section 81-2,155 shall be produced  
20 by cross fertilization, performed by a method of proper isolation in time  
21 or distance and controlled either by hand, or by detasseling under  
22 isolation at the proper times, or by utilizing male sterility systems  
23 time.

24 Sec. 3. Section 81-2,157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 81-2,157 (1) Any person who violates any of the provisions of  
27 sections 81-2,155 and 81-2,156 shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor  
28 ~~Every violation of the provisions of sections 81-2,155 and 81-2,156 shall~~  
29 ~~be a Class III misdemeanor. The Department of Agriculture, through its~~  
30 ~~duly authorized agent or agents, shall report violations of said sections~~  
31 ~~to the proper county attorney or to the Attorney General for prosecution.~~

1           (2) In addition to the criminal penalty provided under subsection  
2 (1) of this section, a restraining order or a temporary, permanent, or  
3 mandatory injunction may be imposed against any person violating or  
4 threatening to violate any of the provisions of sections 81-2,155 and  
5 81-2,156 in order to ensure compliance with such sections. The district  
6 court of the county where the violation is occurring or is about to occur  
7 shall have jurisdiction to grant such relief upon good cause shown.  
8 Relief may be granted notwithstanding the existence of any other remedy  
9 at law and shall be granted without bond.

10           (3) It shall be the duty of the Attorney General or the county  
11 attorney of the county in which violations of sections 81-2,155 and  
12 81-2,156 are occurring or are about to occur, when notified of such  
13 violations or threatened violations by the Director of Agriculture, to  
14 pursue appropriate action as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this  
15 section without delay.

16           Sec. 4. Original sections 81-2,155, 81-2,156, and 81-2,157, Reissue  
17 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.