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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to provide for a standard for
- 2 honey, labeling restrictions, and an action for damages
- 3 as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Agriculture shall adopt
2 and promulgate rules and regulations that adopt a standard for all
3 honeys produced by honey bees. Such standard shall be consistent with
4 Codex Standard 12-1981, as revised in 2001, from the Codex
5 Alimentarius Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization and
6 the World Health Organization of the United Nations. Such rules and
7 regulations shall be effective on or before January 1, 2012.

8 (2) A product shall not be labeled as honey or be labeled
9 as to imply that the product is honey unless the product meets the
10 standard for honey adopted by the Department of Agriculture under
11 subsection (1) of this section.

12 (3) Any person who suffers damages as a result of
13 improper labeling of a product under subsection (2) of this section
14 may bring an action for damages against the violator for the amount
15 of the person's actual damages or one thousand dollars, whichever is
16 greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees.