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April 27, 2012

The Honorable Matt Schultz  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2343, an Act requiring the Department of Natural Resources to conduct pheasant studies, contingent on outside funding, and including a repeal.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 2343

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT  
PHEASANT STUDIES, CONTINGENT ON OUTSIDE FUNDING, AND  
INCLUDING A REPEAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.6B Pheasant population studies  
— reports.

1. The department, in cooperation with private and public partners, shall conduct a multiyear study to determine the effectiveness of stocking wild or first-generation pheasants in the state.

2. The department, in cooperation with private and public partners, shall stock wild or first-generation pheasants in an area with suitable pheasant habitat that has a very low or no wild pheasant population. The rate at which the pheasant population changes over time in the stocked area shall be compared to the rate of change in another area where no pheasants have been stocked. Both areas shall be located in the southern half of the state. The results of the study shall be published and made available to the public at the conclusion of the study.

3. The department shall collect a sufficient amount of new data as is necessary to confirm or revise population parameters used by the department to predict pheasant population change. A report discussing the data collected and the changes made to the department's pheasant population prediction model, if any, shall be submitted to the general assembly and made available to the public by December 31, 2015.

4. The department, in cooperation with an institution under the control of the state board of regents, shall also conduct a


study to determine the economic impact of pheasant hunting in Iowa. The study shall focus on the impact to rural areas of the state and to small communities. A report on the results of the study shall be submitted to the general assembly by December 31, 2014.

5. The duties imposed in this section are contingent on the receipt of outside funding by the department sufficient to cover the costs associated with the studies required.

6. This section is repealed June 30, 2018.




KRAIG PAULSEN  
Speaker of the House



JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2343, Eighty-fourth General Assembly.



W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 27, 2012



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