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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 35, an Act relating to private land available for public use for recreational purposes.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



House File 35

AN ACT

RELATING TO PRIVATE LAND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE FOR  
RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. Section 461C.2, Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

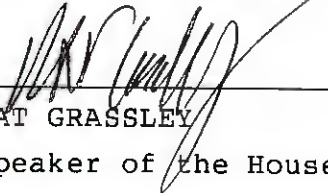
NEW SUBSECTION. 01. *"Bicycle"* means the same as defined in section 321.1 except the device may have any number of wheels.


Sec. 2. Section 461C.2, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

3. *"Land"* means private land that is one or any combination of the following: abandoned or inactive surface mines; caves; land used for agricultural purposes; marshlands; timber; grasslands; or the privately owned roads, portions of a railroad right-of-way or crossing incorporated into or used as part of a path or trail used for recreational purposes, paths, trails, waters, water courses, exteriors and interiors of buildings, structures, machinery, or equipment appurtenant thereto. *"Land"* includes land that is not open to the general public. *"Land"* also includes private land located in a municipality in connection with and while being used for urban deer control.

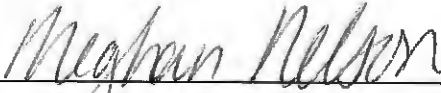
5. *"Recreational purpose"* means the following or any combination thereof: hunting, trapping, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, jogging, walking, hiking, pleasure driving, motorcycling, bicycle

riding, all-terrain vehicle riding, nature study, water skiing, snowmobiling, other summer and winter sports, educational activities, and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites while going to and from or actually engaged therein. "Recreational purpose" includes the activity of accompanying another person who is engaging in such activities. "Recreational purpose" is not limited to active engagement in such activities, but includes entry onto, use of, passage over, and presence on any part of the land in connection with or during the course of such activities.

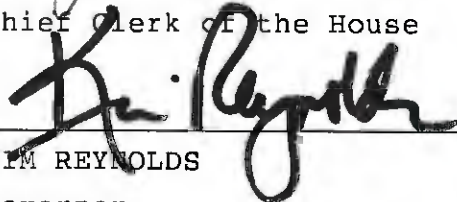
  
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PAT GRASSLEY  
Speaker of the House

  
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AMY SINCLAIR  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 35, Ninetieth General Assembly.

  
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MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor