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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a wildlife habitat stamp.

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

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S.F. 237

1 Section 1. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1),
2 Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered
3 paragraphs:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPHS. A resident or nonresident
5 person required to have a hunting or trapping license shall
6 not hunt or trap unless he or she has on his or her person
7 a valid wildlife habitat stamp signed in ink with his or her
8 signature across the face of the stamp.

9 Special wildlife habitat stamp \$3.00

10 Special wildlife habitat stamps shall be administered in
11 the same manner as hunting and trapping licenses except all
12 revenue derived from the sale of the wildlife habitat stamps
13 shall be used for habitat development and shall be deposited
14 in the fish and game trust fund and used for the acquisition
15 of land, leasing of land, and obtaining of easements from
16 persons willing to sell or lease the land or grant the
17 easements for use as wildlife habitats. In addition such
18 revenue may be used for the development, management, and
19 enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas, and may be
20 used in whole or in part for the matching of federal funds.
21 Not less than fifty percent of all revenue from the sale of
22 wildlife habitat stamps shall be used by the commission to
23 enter into agreements with county conservation boards or other
24 public or private agencies in order to carry out the purposes
25 of this Act.

26 Sec. 2. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides that revenue from the sale of a wildlife
29 habitat stamp shall be deposited in the fish and game trust
30 fund and shall be used for habitat development for the use
31 and acquisition of lands, for leasing of lands, and obtaining
32 of easements of land to be used as wildlife habitats. The
33 funds may be used for purposes of matching federal funds.
34 The commission may enter into contracts with other public
35 or private bodies and shall use not less than fifty percent

1 of all revenue from the sale of habitat stamps to carry out
2 the purposes of this Act.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Prepared in regard to: Senate File 237, An Act establishing
a wildlife habitat stamp.

following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as
required by Joint Rule 16.

S.F. 237 provides that revenue from the sale of a wildlife habitat stamp to be
required on all hunting licenses shall be deposited in the fish and game trust
fund and shall be administered by the commission for the use and acquisition of
lands, for leasing of lands and obtaining of easements of land to be used as
wildlife habitats. The funds may be used for the purpose of matching federal
funds and the commission may enter into contracts with other public bodies.

The revenue and costs associated with a wildlife habitat stamp involve the
actual increase in revenue, the additional Land Acquisition staff necessary to
carry out the acquisition, and the necessary maintenance of those additionally
acquired acres.

The revenue gained as a result of the wildlife habitat stamp has to be offset
by any decreases in license sales. Historically, license sales have dropped from
5 to 10 percent the first year following a license fee increase and have then
come back to existing levels one or two years later. Following are revenue
estimates based on differing assumptions:

1. Assume current levels of sales, no decrease. Total additional annual revenue
\$1,102,050.
2. Assume a 10 percent decrease in license sales, assume current license fees.
Net additional revenue first year of increase would be \$697,300 and would
gradually increase, year by year, to the current level as in assumption 1.
3. Assume 10 percent drop in license sales, assume requested new license fees
as proposed by the department. The net additional revenue the first year of
the increase would be \$597,450, again gradually increasing year by year to
the estimate as in number 1.

At the million dollar level, it would require two additional Land Acquisition staff
at a cost of approximately \$45,000 annually to carry out the acquisition under this
act.

Annual maintenance costs are estimated at \$6 per acre per year based on the
Conservation Commission's current annual expenditures for similar/wildlife and
open spaces land.

Source: Conservation Commission

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