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SENATE FILE 327

By HANSEN and NYSTROM

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the establishment of equestrian riding trails.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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SENATE FILE 277 FISCAL NOTE

Date Prepared: April 5, 1977
Requested by: Senator Hansen
Prepared in regard to Senate File 277, An Act relating to the establishment of equestrian riding trails.

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

S.F. 277 allows the state conservation commission in conjunction with the state transportation commission to establish equestrian riding trails.

The Iowa Conservation Commission does provide equestrian trails on those park and recreation areas that have suitable terrain available and where there is a demand. The Commission has not studied the possibility of providing equestrian trails from one area to another, along roadways, etc.; and thus, there is no data available on construction costs, land costs, or user demand for such trails which would enable us to provide fiscal information for this bill.

Source: Iowa Conservation Commission

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred eight A point one
2 (308A.1), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

3 308A.1 CONSERVATION AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS TO
4 CO-OPERATE. The state conservation commission, in consulta-
5 tion with the state transportation commission, is hereby au-
6 thorized to establish recreational bikeways and equestrian
7 riding trails within this state for the use, enjoyment, and
8 participation of the public in nonmotorized bicycling or
9 equestrian riding. The routes established for such bike-
10 ways or equestrian riding trails shall be designed to maxi-
11 mize the safety of cyclists, equestrian riders and motorists
12 and may utilize secondary roads when the normal flow of motor
13 vehicle traffic will not be hindered, as well as other infre-
14 quently traveled roads, streets, parkways, and appropriate
15 thoroughfares. Such bikeways or equestrian riding trails
16 shall be routed, wherever possible, to allow the enjoyment
17 of scenic views and points of historical interest, and may
18 connect state parks and other recreational areas throughout
19 the state.

20 Bikeway routes and equestrian riding trails shall be clear-
21 ly marked with appropriate signs to guide cyclists and eques-
22 trian riders, and to alert motorists. Such signs shall be
23 placed at intervals and designed in such form as prescribed
24 by the conservation commission in consultation with the state
25 transportation commission.

26 The conservation commission is hereby authorized to co-
27 operate with county conservation boards, boards of supervisors,
28 city councils, or any private organizations interested in
29 the establishment of bikeways or equestrian riding trails,
30 and may consult with such groups in the planning of appropriate
31 bikeway routes, equestrian riding trails and related activ-
32 ities.

33 Sec. 2. Section three hundred eight A point two (308A.2),
34 Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

35 308A.2 FUNDS. The state conservation commission may ac-

1 cept in the name of the state funds contributed by such groups;
2 and such funds shall be used exclusively in the establishment
3 of bikeways and equestrian riding trails as herein provided.
4 Additional funds as may be necessary in purchasing signs and
5 otherwise carrying out the provisions of this chapter may
6 be expended by the conservation commission if authorized by
7 the general assembly pursuant to appropriations for such
8 purposes; and the commission shall be authorized to accept
9 and expend federal funds made available for the purposes of
10 aiding in the implementation of this chapter.

11 Sec. 3. Chapter three hundred eight A (308A), Code 1977,
12 is amended by adding the following new section:

13 NEW SECTION. Equestrian riding trails may be concurrent
14 with or separate from bikeways.

15 Sec. 4. This Act is effective January 1, 1978.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows the state conservation commission in
18 conjunction with the state transportation commission to
19 establish equestrian riding trails.

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