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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2328
BY BODDICKER

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of depredation permits for deer
2 or other wildlife causing damage to trees.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.10A, Code 1995, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 481A.10A FARMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- DEPREDAATION PERMITS.

4 1. The director shall establish a farmer advisory
5 committee for the purpose of providing information to the
6 department regarding crop and tree damage caused by deer, wild
7 turkey, and other predators. The committee shall serve
8 without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

9 2. Trees grown for shelter or ornamental purposes shall be
10 considered high-value horticultural crops for the purpose of
11 qualifying the landowner for one or more depredation permits
12 to take deer or other protected wildlife which are seriously
13 damaging the trees. When serious damage to trees is shown,
14 and upon application, the department shall issue one or more
15 depredation permits to the landowner or a designee. The
16 permits shall be valid only on the landowner's property or on
17 the property which is immediately adjacent to the landowner's
18 property.

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EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that trees which are grown for shelter
21 or ornamental purposes shall be considered high-value
22 horticultural crops for the purpose of qualifying the
23 landowner for one or more depredation permits for deer or
24 other protected wildlife which are seriously damaging the
25 trees. If the serious damage to trees is shown, and upon
26 application, the department shall issue one or more
27 depredation permits to the landowner or a designee. The
28 permits shall be valid only for hunting on the landowner's
29 property or on the land which is immediately adjacent to the
30 landowner's land.

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