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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2200

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing civil and criminal fines for taking of endangered
 2 and protected wildlife species.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraph f,
2 Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. For each animal classified by the commission as an
4 endangered or threatened species, one thousand dollars, or the
5 cost of replacing the animal as determined by the department,
6 whichever amount is greater.

7 Sec. 2. Section 481B.10, Code 1997, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 481B.10 PENALTIES.

10 Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter
11 shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor except that a
12 violation of section 481B.5 is a serious misdemeanor which is
13 punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars.

14 Sec. 3. Section 805.8, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code
15 Supplement 1997, is amended to read as follows:

16 e. For violations of sections 481A.85, 481A.93, 481A.95,
17 481A.120, 481A.137, 481B.5, 482.3, and 482.9, the scheduled
18 fine is one hundred dollars.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill increases the fine from \$100 to \$500 for taking,
21 possessing, transporting, importing, exporting, processing,
22 selling, or buying, or offering to buy or sell endangered or
23 threatened species of fish, plants, or wildlife. In addition,
24 the civil damages imposed for illegally taking, possessing,
25 transporting, selling, or buying an endangered or threatened
26 animal is amended to allow the department of natural resources
27 to assess damages of \$1,000 or the cost of replacing the
28 endangered or threatened animal, whichever amount is greater.

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