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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of natural
2 resources for the establishment of a wildlife diversity
3 initiative.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the state fish and
2 game protection fund to the division of fish and wildlife of
3 the department of natural resources for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, the
5 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, except
6 that if revenues from the income tax refund checkoff credited
7 to the state fish and game protection fund do not equal or
8 exceed \$1,500,000, the amount of the deficiency is
9 appropriated from the general fund of the state instead of
10 from the state fish and game protection fund, to be used for
11 the purposes designated:

12 To develop and support a comprehensive nongame wildlife-
13 oriented education program to be implemented through the
14 schools, county conservation boards, and the department of
15 natural resources.

16 To enhance opportunities for personal contact with, and the
17 public's appreciation for, all types of wildlife by developing
18 facilities for public appreciation of wildlife.

19 To protect, develop, and manage habitats to enhance nongame
20 populations on public and private lands through habitat
21 development and acquisition.

22 To develop and support nongame wildlife species management,
23 research, and surveys.

24 To match moneys appropriated by the United States or an
25 agency, commission, or department of the United States if the
26 appropriation of moneys by a state is a condition of the state
27 or an agency, commission, or department of the state,
28 receiving federal moneys.

29 To adopt programs by the division of fish and wildlife of
30 the department of natural resources relating to a wildlife
31 diversity initiative by rule pursuant to chapter 17A:

32 \$ 1,500,000

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill appropriates \$1,500,000 from the state fish and
35 game protection fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

1 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, to the department of natural
2 resources to establish a wildlife diversity initiative, from
3 the combination of revenues produced by the income tax refund
4 checkoff credited to the state fish and game protection fund
5 and the general fund of the state.

6 Specifically, if revenues from the income tax refund
7 checkoff credited to the state fish and game protection fund
8 do not equal or exceed \$1,500,000, the amount of the
9 deficiency is appropriated from the general fund of the state
10 instead of from the state fish and game protection fund.

11 The bill provides that the wildlife diversity initiative
12 shall develop and support a comprehensive wildlife-oriented
13 education program; enhance opportunities for personal contact
14 with, and the public's appreciation for, all types of wildlife
15 by developing facilities for public appreciation of wildlife;
16 protect, develop, and manage habitats to enhance nongame
17 populations on public and private lands through habitat
18 development and acquisition; and develop and support nongame
19 wildlife species management, research, and surveys, and match
20 moneys appropriated by the United States or an agency,
21 commission, or department of the United States if the
22 appropriation of moneys by a state is a condition of the state
23 or an agency, commission, or department of the state,
24 receiving federal moneys.

25 The bill authorizes the division of fish and wildlife of
26 the department of natural resources to adopt programs relating
27 to a wildlife diversity initiative by rule.

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