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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act creating a deer population control council, providing for  
2 its membership, compensation, and duties, and providing for  
3 other properly related matters.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 455A.1, Code 1997, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 0A. "Council" means the deer population  
4 control council created under section 455A.12.

5 Sec. 2. Section 455A.5, subsection 6, Code 1997, is  
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Receive recommendations of the deer  
8 population control council and implement deer population  
9 control programs to provide a balance to the interests of deer  
10 hunting, general recreation, forestry preservation,  
11 agriculture, and highway safety.

12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 455A.12 DEER POPULATION CONTROL  
13 COUNCIL -- MEMBERSHIP, POWERS AND DUTIES, COMPENSATION.

14 1. A deer population control council is created, which  
15 consists of seven members appointed by the governor for  
16 staggered terms of six years beginning and ending as provided  
17 in section 69.19. The council members are subject to senate  
18 confirmation. The members shall be electors of the state.  
19 The membership of the council shall be as follows:

20 a. Two members shall be persons actively engaged in  
21 farming.

22 b. One member shall be an officer or employee of the  
23 forests and forestry division of the department.

24 c. One member shall be an officer or employee of the fish  
25 and wildlife division of the department.

26 d. One member shall be an officer or employee of the state  
27 department of transportation.

28 e. One member shall be actively engaged in the casualty  
29 insurance industry.

30 f. One member shall be an elector of the state.

31 2. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the  
32 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment  
33 was made.

34 3. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for  
35 actual and necessary travel and related expenses incurred in

1 the discharge of official duties. A member who is not a state  
2 officer or employee may also be eligible to receive  
3 compensation as provided in section 7E.6.

4 4. The council shall hold an organizational meeting within  
5 thirty days of the beginning of a new regular term for one or  
6 more of its members. The council shall organize by electing a  
7 chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and any other  
8 officers as desired. The council shall meet at least  
9 quarterly throughout the year.

10 5. Except as otherwise provided by law, the council shall  
11 do all the following:

12 a. Determine the extent of crop and tree damage caused by  
13 deer throughout the state.

14 b. Determine the extent of loss of human life and property  
15 damage caused by accidents involving vehicles and deer.

16 c. Make recommendations annually to the natural resource  
17 commission regarding deer management which take into  
18 consideration both a biological balance and a recognition of  
19 damage caused by deer to crops, forests, and forestry  
20 restoration, and accidents involving deer and vehicles.

21 d. Adopt rules as necessary to administer the requirements  
22 of this section.

23 6. The department shall provide the necessary staff for  
24 the council to carry out its duties.

25 Sec. 4. Section 481A.10A, Code 1997, is repealed.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill creates a deer population control council within  
28 the department of natural resources. The deer population  
29 control council has seven members: two engaged in farming,  
30 one associated with the casualty insurance industry, one  
31 member associated with the forests and forestry division of  
32 the department of natural resources, one member associated  
33 with the fish and wildlife division of the department of  
34 natural resources, one member associated with the state  
35 department of transportation, and one member who is an elector

1 of the state. The council members will serve six-year,  
2 staggered terms of office. The duties of the council are to  
3 collect and study information related to crop damage, tree  
4 damage, loss of life, and property damage caused by the deer  
5 population. The council is also to make recommendations to  
6 the natural resource commission to develop and implement  
7 programs to manage the deer population so as to provide a  
8 balance among the interests of deer hunting, other  
9 recreational interests, forestry preservation, agriculture,  
10 and highway safety.

11 The bill also repeals section 481A.10A which created a  
12 farmer advisory committee appointed by the director of the  
13 department of natural resources to provide information to the  
14 department regarding crop and tree damage caused by deer, wild  
15 turkey, and predators.

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