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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an adopt-a-stream program.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455A.14 ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM.

2 1. The department shall establish and administer an adopt-  
3 a-stream program for purposes of organizing concerned citizens  
4 dedicated to the stewardship of the rivers and streams in the  
5 state and certifying sponsors under the program.

6 2. A person may submit an application to the department  
7 for purposes of sponsoring a specific portion of a river or  
8 stream in order to conduct conservation programs, projects, or  
9 activities involving the river or stream. The application  
10 shall include, at a minimum, the location of the sponsored  
11 portion of a river or stream, a contact person for the  
12 sponsor, and the types of programs, projects, or activities  
13 that the sponsor proposes to pursue. A sponsor shall receive  
14 and file with the application written consent to conduct  
15 programs, projects, or activities from property owners located  
16 adjacent to the sponsored river or stream. The consent shall  
17 include all information required by the department.

18 3. Upon approval of the application by the department, the  
19 sponsor shall sign a sponsorship agreement with the  
20 department. The agreement shall designate the terms necessary  
21 for receiving a completion certificate recognizing the  
22 completion of the programs, projects, or activities conducted  
23 by the sponsor. The department shall provide the sponsor with  
24 a completion certificate when the department determines that  
25 the terms of the sponsorship agreement have been met.

26 4. Programs, projects, or activities conducted by a  
27 sponsor in the program shall include, but not be limited to,  
28 river and stream cleanup, riverbank and streambank  
29 stabilization, river and stream habitat improvement, tree and  
30 grass planting, water quality monitoring, river and stream  
31 access improvement, trail development, and educational  
32 programs.

33 5. All rivers and streams in the state are eligible to be  
34 sponsored under the program.

35 6. The department may terminate a sponsorship if the

1 department determines that a sponsor is not attempting to  
2 fulfill the terms and conditions of the sponsorship agreement.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill requires the department of natural resources to  
5 establish and administer an adopt-a-stream program.

6 The bill provides that a person may sponsor a specific  
7 portion of a river or stream in order to conduct conservation  
8 programs, projects, or activities. The bill provides that a  
9 sponsor shall receive and file with a sponsorship application  
10 written consent to conduct programs, projects, or activities  
11 from property owners located adjacent to the sponsored river  
12 or stream. The bill provides that upon approval of the  
13 sponsorship application by the department, the sponsor shall  
14 sign a sponsorship agreement with the department which shall  
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17 projects, or activities conducted by the sponsor. The bill  
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19 completion certificate when the department determines that the  
20 terms of the sponsorship agreement have been met. The bill  
21 provides that the department may terminate the sponsorship.

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23 conducted by a sponsor in the program shall include, but not  
24 be limited to, river and stream cleanup, riverbank and  
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