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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the substitution of steel shot for lead shot
2 for hunting purposes.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.38, subsection 1, Code 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The commission shall authorize
4 the use of steel shot size no. 2 or 3 as a substitute for lead
5 shot size no. 4.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill directs the natural resource commission of the
8 department of natural resources to allow the use of steel shot
9 size no. 2 or 3 as a substitute for lead shot size no. 4.
10 Currently, the shot sizes are restricted to no. 4, 5, 6, 7.5,
11 or 8 by administrative rule without specifying the material
12 composition of the shot. A no. 2 steel shot and a no. 4 lead
13 shot have an essentially equivalent effective range. The
14 effective range of a no. 3 steel shot is less than a no. 4
15 lead shot. Lead shot is not used for taking migratory birds
16 because of environmental concerns.

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