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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 50
BY BARRY

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing civil and criminal penalties for taking of
2 | endangered 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 1999, 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 1999, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 481B.10 PENALTIES.

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

14 Sec. 3. Section 805.8, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code
15 1999, is amended to read as follows:

16 e. For violations of sections 481A.85, 481A.93, 481A.95,
17 481A.120, 481A.137, ~~481B.57~~, 482.3, and 482.9, the scheduled
18 fine is one hundred dollars.

19 EXPLANATION

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

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