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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the criteria for evaluation of lakes for the
2 purpose of improvement or rehabilitation.

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

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NAT. RES. & ENVIRONMENT

1 Section 1. Section 461A.3, Code 1999, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 461A.3 DUTIES AS TO PARKS.

4 1. It shall be the duty of the commission to establish,
5 maintain, improve, and beautify public parks and preserves
6 upon the shores of lakes, streams, or other waters, or at
7 other places within the state which have become historical or
8 which are of scientific interest, or which by reason of their
9 natural scenic beauty or location are adapted therefor.

10 2. The commission shall have the power to maintain,
11 improve or beautify state-owned bodies of water, and to
12 provide proper public access thereto. When the lakes under
13 the jurisdiction of the commission are evaluated to establish
14 priority for improvement or rehabilitation, the commission
15 shall evaluate glacial lakes separately from artificial and
16 other natural lakes. Criteria related to the eligibility for
17 funds shall not include the proximity of human habitation or
18 another lake to a glacial lake. The commission shall give
19 priority to glacial lakes when allocating moneys for dredging.

20 3. The commission shall have the power to provide and
21 operate facilities for the proper public use of the areas
22 above described in subsections 1 and 2.

23 4. The commission shall open all roads which pass through
24 the Ledges State Park from September 15 to November 1 of each
25 year.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that the natural resource commission of
28 the department of natural resources evaluate glacial lakes
29 separately from artificial and other natural lakes for the
30 purposes of establishing priority for improvement or
31 maintenance. The commission shall not consider criteria
32 relating to the proximity of human habitation or another lake
33 when evaluating glacial lakes. The commission shall give
34 priority to glacial lakes when allocating moneys for dredging.
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