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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 77)

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Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 7 Vote: Ayes 91 Nays 1  
Approved April 21, 1999

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the taking of muskrats by colony trap.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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5 capturing, trapping, or killing any game or fur-bearing  
6 animals except muskrats as determined by rule of the  
7 commission. Box traps capable of capturing more than one game  
8 or fur-bearing animal at each setting are prohibited. A valid  
9 hunting license is required for box trapping cottontail  
10 rabbits and squirrels. All traps and snares used for the  
11 taking of fur-bearing animals shall have a metal tag attached  
12 plainly labeled with the user's name and address. All traps  
13 and snares, except those which are placed entirely under  
14 water, shall be checked at least once every twenty-four hours.  
15 Officers appointed by the department may confiscate such traps  
16 and snares found in use that are not properly labeled or  
17 checked.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The bill authorizes the natural resource commission of the  
20 department of natural resources to allow the taking of  
21 muskrats with the use of colony traps as provided by rule of  
22 the commission. A colony trap allows the taking of more than  
23 one animal at each setting.

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 265, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 21, 1999

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
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