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SENATE FILE 77

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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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NAT. RES. & ENVIRONMENT

1 Section 1. Section 481A.92, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~Except-as-otherwise-provided-in-this-chapter-a~~ A person
4 shall not use or attempt to use colony traps in taking,
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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