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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a perpetual protected game bird status for  
2 the mourning dove and subjecting violators to criminal and  
3 civil penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

2 1. The general assembly finds that since there has not  
3 been an open season for mourning doves in Iowa since 1918, and  
4 many Iowans consider the mourning dove as a symbol of peace  
5 commemorating the service and sacrifice of World War I  
6 veterans, the mourning dove should be given a permanent status  
7 as a protected game bird in this state.

8 2. The general assembly also finds that there are many  
9 other species of game birds for which open hunting seasons  
10 have been established for hunters.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 481A.49 MOURNING DOVE -- PROTECTED  
12 GAME BIRD.

13 1. The mourning dove is a protected migratory game bird.  
14 The closed season for mourning doves is perpetual.

15 2. A person who willfully attempts to take or takes a  
16 mourning dove commits a scheduled violation under section  
17 805.8, subsection 5, paragraph "h".

18 Sec. 3. Section 805.8, subsection 5, paragraph h,  
19 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 For violations of section 481A.48 or 481A.49 relating to  
22 restrictions on game birds and animals, the scheduled fines  
23 are as follows:

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that a mourning dove is a protected  
26 migratory game bird and that the hunting season for mourning  
27 doves is perpetually closed. A person who willfully attempts  
28 to take or takes a mourning dove commits a scheduled  
29 violation. The scheduled fine for taking a mourning dove out  
30 of season is \$100 and for attempting to take a mourning dove  
31 is \$50. In addition, a civil penalty of \$50 for each bird  
32 taken may be assessed.

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