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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2318
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting on hunting preserves.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.21, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 481A.21 BIRDS AS TARGETS.

4 1. A person shall not keep or use any live pigeon or other
5 bird as a target, to be shot at for amusement or as a test of
6 skill in marksmanship, or shoot at a bird kept or used for
7 such purpose, or be a party to such shooting, or lease any
8 building, room, field, or premises, or knowingly permit the
9 use thereof, for the purpose of such shooting except as
10 otherwise provided in this section.

11 2. This section does not prevent any person from shooting
12 at live pigeons, sparrows, and starlings when used in the
13 training of hunting dogs.

14 3. This section does not prevent the commission from
15 adopting rules under chapter 17A which allow hunting preserves
16 to hold stationary or European-style bird hunts.

17 Sec. 2. Section 484B.4, Code 2005, is amended by adding
18 the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. a. In addition, the department shall
20 allow a person to make an application for a combined
21 operator's license to operate a hunting preserve that meets
22 the requirements of this chapter and of chapter 484C and is
23 operated for the purposes specified in each of those chapters.
24 The application for a combined operator's license shall be
25 accompanied by a fee of five hundred fifty dollars.

26 b. Upon receipt of an application for a combined
27 operator's license, the department or its authorized
28 representative shall inspect the proposed hunting preserve and
29 facilities described in the application. If the department
30 finds that the proposed hunting preserve meets all of the
31 requirements of this chapter and of chapter 484C, the
32 department may approve the application and issue a hunting
33 preserve combined operator's license for the operation of the
34 property and facilities described in the application with the
35 rights and subject to the limitations in this chapter and

1 chapter 484C and the rules adopted by the commission.

2 c. A hunting preserve combined operator's license expires
3 on March 31 of each year.

4 Sec. 3. Section 484B.6, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 2. A minimum of ~~five~~ one hundred game birds shall be
7 released during the hunting preserve season by each licensed
8 hunting preserve authorized to release game birds.

9 Sec. 4. Section 484C.7, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 484C.7 REGISTRATION AND FEE -- COMBINED OPERATOR'S
12 LICENSE.

13 1. A landowner who keeps preserve whitetail shall annually
14 register the landowner's hunting preserve with the department
15 by June 30. The landowner shall pay the department a
16 registration fee. The amount of the registration fee shall
17 not exceed three hundred fifty dollars per fiscal year. The
18 fee shall be deposited into the state fish and game protection
19 fund.

20 2. In addition, the department shall allow a person to
21 make an application for a combined operator's license to
22 operate a hunting preserve that meets the requirements of this
23 chapter and of chapter 484B and is operated for the purposes
24 specified in each of those chapters as provided in section
25 484B.4, subsection 4.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to hunting on hunting preserves.

28 The bill allows the natural resource commission to adopt
29 rules under Code chapter 17A which allow stationary or
30 European-style bird hunts on hunting preserves.

31 The bill requires the department of natural resources to
32 allow a person to make an application for a combined
33 operator's license to operate a hunting preserve that meets
34 the requirements of Code chapters 484B and 484C for a fee of
35 \$550. Upon receipt of an application for such a license, the

1 department is required to inspect the proposed hunting
2 preserve and facilities to ensure that all requirements of
3 both chapters have been met. A hunting preserve combined
4 operator's license expires on March 31 of each year.

5 A license to operate a hunting preserve under Code chapter
6 484B for the purpose of hunting game birds and ungulates is
7 still available for a fee of \$200. A registration to operate
8 a hunting preserve under Code chapter 484C for the purpose of
9 hunting preserve whitetail is still available for a fee of
10 \$350.

11 The bill also provides that a hunting preserve licensed
12 under Code chapter 484B may release a minimum of 100 instead
13 of 500 game birds during each hunting preserve season.

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