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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act appropriating moneys to the department of natural  
2 resources for purposes of conducting an autumn olive  
3 cooperative management project.

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

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1 Section 1. AUTUMN OLIVE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT --  
2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
3 the state to the department of natural resources for the  
4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007,  
5 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to  
6 be used for the purposes designated:

7 For purposes of administering an autumn olive cooperative  
8 management project as provided in this Act:

9 ..... \$ 60,000

10 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys remaining from the  
11 appropriation in this section on June 30, 2007, shall not  
12 revert but shall remain available for the fiscal year  
13 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, for the same  
14 purposes.

15 Sec. 2. AUTUMN OLIVE COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

16 1. The state recognizes that autumn olive, *eleagnus*  
17 *umbellata*, is a nonnative deciduous shrub which is classified  
18 as an invasive species threatening native vegetation, pasture  
19 grass, and crops.

20 2. There is established an autumn olive cooperative  
21 management project to develop best management practices to  
22 control autumn olive. The project shall be administered by  
23 the department of natural resources, principally by the  
24 forestry bureau of the department's conservation and  
25 recreation division.

26 3. The department shall establish a pilot autumn olive  
27 cooperative management area located in Independence township  
28 of Appanoose county and Wright township of Wayne county.

29 a. The department shall cooperate with owners of land in  
30 the area in order to implement management practices to control  
31 autumn olive, including but not limited to cutting and  
32 chemical treatment techniques, on their land.

33 b. The department shall award moneys to the owners of the  
34 land in the area under a cost-share agreement. The cost-share  
35 agreement must include a written plan detailing the management

1 practices and the use of private contractors approved by the  
2 department. The agreement must include the owner's commitment  
3 to participate in a cost-share contribution. The department's  
4 cost-share contribution shall not exceed ninety percent of the  
5 estimated cost of implementing the management practices, or  
6 ninety percent of the actual cost of implementing the  
7 management practices, whichever is less.

8 4. a. As part of the pilot project, the forestry bureau  
9 and departmental biologists associated with the Rathbun  
10 wildlife management area shall establish a timetable to  
11 replace autumn olive with native plants.

12 b. The department shall cooperate with the commissioners  
13 of the soil and water conservation districts for Appanoose  
14 county and Wright county. The department and the  
15 commissioners shall encourage private landowners to apply for  
16 available moneys under federal programs including but not  
17 limited to the United States department of agriculture's  
18 natural resources conservation service environmental quality  
19 incentives program, 7 C.F.R. pt. 1466.

20 c. The department may enter into cooperative agreements  
21 with federal agencies including but not limited to the United  
22 States department of agriculture to encourage private  
23 landowners to develop grazing management plans necessary to  
24 minimize overgrazing and site disturbance in Appanoose county  
25 and Wayne county.

26 5. The department shall prepare and deliver two reports to  
27 the governor and the fiscal services division of the  
28 legislative services agency as follows:

29 a. Not later than January 15, 2007, an interim report  
30 summarizing project activities and preliminary findings.

31 b. Not later than January 15, 2008, a final report which  
32 provides a detailed account of project activities, findings,  
33 and recommendations.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill appropriates moneys from the general fund to the

1 department of natural resources for purposes of administering  
2 an autumn olive cooperative management project. The  
3 department is required to establish an autumn olive  
4 cooperative management project to develop best management  
5 practices to control autumn olive. The project shall be  
6 administered by the department of natural resources,  
7 principally by the forestry bureau of the department's  
8 conservation and recreation division.

9 The project is centered in Independence township of  
10 Appanoose county and Wright township of Wayne county. The  
11 department is authorized to award moneys to the owners of land  
12 in those townships under a cost-share agreement. The forestry  
13 bureau must cooperate with departmental biologists to  
14 establish a timetable for the control of autumn olive. The  
15 department must cooperate with the commissioners of the soil  
16 and water conservation districts for Appanoose county and  
17 Wayne county, and the United States department of agriculture.

18 The department must prepare and deliver two reports to the  
19 governor and the fiscal services division of the legislative  
20 services agency, including an interim report by January 15,  
21 2007, and a final report by January 15, 2008. The final  
22 report must provide a detailed account of project activities,  
23 findings, and recommendations.

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