

Senate Study Bill 1220

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making black bears and cougars fur-bearing animals.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 2477SC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 481A.1, subsection 20, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 20. "Fur-bearing animals" means the following which are
1 4 declared to be fur-bearing animals for the purpose of
1 5 regulation and protection under the Code: beaver, badger,
1 6 mink, otter, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, opossum, spotted skunk
1 7 or civet cat, weasel, black bear, cougar, coyote, bobcat,
1 8 wolf, groundhog, red fox, and gray fox. This chapter does not
1 9 apply to domesticated fur-bearing animals.

1 10 EXPLANATION
1 11 This bill adds black bears and cougars to the list of fur=
1 12 bearing animals. Currently black bears and cougars are not
1 13 addressed in the Code and as such are unprotected nongame
1 14 animals. As fur-bearing animals, black bears and cougars may
1 15 be taken legally only during an open hunting season
1 16 established by the natural resource commission.
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