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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to walking and horseback riding trails on public
2 land under the jurisdiction of the natural resource
3 commission, and providing for penalties.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.6A WALKING AND HORSEBACK
1 2 RIDING ON PUBLIC LAND.
1 3 1. a. Walking and horseback riding shall be allowed on
1 4 all public land under the jurisdiction of the commission. The
1 5 commission, by rule, shall designate walking and horseback
1 6 riding trails and post proper signage for the walking and
1 7 horseback riding trails on all public land under the
1 8 jurisdiction of the commission. The commission shall by rule
1 9 determine where such trails shall be located and under what
1 10 conditions the trails may be used for walking and horseback
1 11 riding, consistent with sound game and land management
1 12 practices and federal requirements for such areas. A person
1 13 walking or horseback riding on such public land shall use only
1 14 trails officially designated and properly signed for such use.
1 15 b. An individual or group of individuals may request a
1 16 special use off-trail walking or horseback riding permit by
1 17 submitting an application to the department specifying where
1 18 the proposed off-trail walking or horseback riding event is to
1 19 take place. The commission, by rule, shall determine under
1 20 what conditions off-trail walking or horseback riding may be
1 21 approved on public land under the commission's jurisdiction.
1 22 c. For the purposes of this subsection, "horse" means any
1 23 equine animal including horses, mules, burros, donkeys, and
1 24 all llamas or alpaca-like animals.
1 25 2. An individual or group of individuals that is issued a
1 26 special use off-trail walking or horseback riding permit shall
1 27 contact the department not more than twenty-four hours prior
1 28 to the time of the proposed off-trail walking or horseback
1 29 riding event for information about current conditions in the
1 30 area. The department may exercise discretion, as determined
1 31 by the commission by rule, to rescind a special permit, or to
1 32 relocate or reschedule an off-trail walking or horseback
1 33 riding event based on current conditions in the area.

1 34 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
1 35 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2 1 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, ~~481A.6A~~, 481A.21,
2 2 481A.22, 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.60 through 481A.62,
2 3 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3,
2 4 sections 482.7, 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, and 483A.24, the
2 5 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

EXPLANATION

2 7 This bill relates to walking and horseback riding on public
2 8 land under the jurisdiction of the natural resource
2 9 commission. The bill requires the natural resource
2 10 commission, by rule, to designate walking and horseback riding
2 11 trails and post signage for such trails on all public land
2 12 under the commission's jurisdiction in the state. The
2 13 commission, by rule, shall determine where such trails shall
2 14 be located and under what conditions the trails may be used
2 15 for walking or horseback riding, consistent with sound game
2 16 and land management practices and federal requirements for
2 17 such areas. A walker or horseback rider must use designated

2 18 trails.

2 19 The commission is also authorized to make available a
2 20 special use off-trail walking or horseback riding permit upon
2 21 the request of an individual or group of individuals to the
2 22 department of natural resources specifying where the proposed
2 23 off-trail walking or horseback riding event is to take place.
2 24 The commission, by rule, shall determine under what conditions
2 25 off-trail walking or horseback riding may be approved in such
2 26 areas. An individual or group of individuals that is issued
2 27 such a special use permit is required to contact the
2 28 department not more than 24 hours prior to the time of the
2 29 event for information about current conditions in the area.
2 30 The department may exercise discretion, as determined by the
2 31 commission by rule, to rescind the permit, or to relocate or
2 32 reschedule the event based on current conditions in the area.

2 33 For the purposes of the bill, "horse" means any equine
2 34 animal including horses, mules, burros, donkeys, and all
2 35 llamas or alpaca-like animals.

3 1 A violation of the bill's provisions is punishable by a
3 2 scheduled fine of \$25.

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