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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bobcat hunting in the state.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 1479YH 83
4 av/nh/24

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1 1   Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.88 BOBCAT HUNTING.
1 2   The commission shall limit the number of bobcats that may
1 3 be taken each year in designated areas to a harvest of one
1 4 thousand bobcats in 2009, two thousand bobcats in 2010, and to
1 5 one bobcat per person for each year thereafter. A person
1 6 hunting bobcats shall have a valid fur harvester license and
1 7 be otherwise qualified to trap or hunt fur=bearing animals in
1 8 the state. The commission shall, by rule, establish a season
1 9 and the areas in the state where bobcats may be harvested but
1 10 shall not establish a limit on the number of bobcats that may
1 11 be harvested each year except as provided in this section.
1 12   EXPLANATION
1 13   This bill provides that the natural resource commission
1 14 shall establish a harvest limitation of 1,000 bobcats in 2009,
1 15 2,000 bobcats in 2010, and one bobcat per person for each year
1 16 thereafter with no harvest limit. A person hunting bobcats
1 17 must have a valid fur harvester license and be otherwise
1 18 qualified to trap or hunt fur=bearing animals in the state.
1 19 The commission is required to establish, by rule, a season and
1 20 the areas in the state where bobcats may be harvested but is
1 21 prohibited from establishing a limit on the number of bobcats
1 22 that may be harvested each year except as provided in the bill
1 23 for 2009 and 2010.
1 24   Currently, administrative rules specify the counties where
1 25 bobcats may be harvested, establish a season, provide a
1 26 seasonal bag limit of one bobcat per person, and limit the
1 27 number of bobcats that may be harvested to 200 bobcats per
1 28 year.
1 29 LSB 1479YH 83
1 30 av/nh/24.2