

House File 2201 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the number of bobcats that may be harvested
2 and including penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 481A.48, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commission shall adopt rules, in
4 accordance with sound fish and wildlife management principles,
5 that allow the taking of up to two bobcats each year in
6 designated areas by a person with a valid fur harvester license
7 and who has paid the wildlife habitat fee, or who is otherwise
8 qualified to hunt or trap.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill requires the natural resource commission to adopt
13 rules, in accordance with sound fish and wildlife management
14 principles, that allow the taking of up to two bobcats each
15 year in designated areas. Bobcats may be taken by a person
16 with a valid fur harvester license and who has paid the
17 wildlife habitat fee or who is otherwise qualified to hunt or
18 trap without a license, such as a landowner or tenant.

19 Currently, rules adopted by the natural resource commission
20 allow the taking of only one bobcat per year in designated
21 areas.

22 Violations of the bill's provisions are punishable with a
23 scheduled fine of \$100.