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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the identification of owners of blinds and
2 stands for hunting deer placed on public land and making
3 penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.41 Blinds and stands for
2 hunting deer on public land — identification.

3 1. A person shall not place a blind or stand for hunting
4 deer on public land unless the blind or stand is affixed with
5 and exhibits a metal plate which plainly shows the hunting
6 license number of the owner of the blind or stand. For a tree
7 blind or stand, the metal plate shall be affixed on the front
8 of the foot platform of the blind or stand on the third step up
9 from the ground. For a pop-up blind or stand, the metal plate
10 shall be affixed to or hung from the zipper head or access hook
11 of the pop-up blind or stand.

12 2. For purposes of this section, "*blind or stand*" means
13 a device or an enclosure used for concealment while hunting
14 deer, constructed either wholly or partially from man-made
15 materials, and used by a person who is hunting deer for the
16 purpose of hiding from sight. A "*blind or stand*" is not a
17 naturally occurring landscape feature or an arrangement of
18 natural or agricultural plant material that a deer hunter uses
19 for concealment. The natural resource commission shall adopt
20 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

21 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
22 2016, is amended to read as follows:

23 b. For violations of [sections 481A.41](#), [481A.54](#), [481A.69](#),
24 [481A.71](#), [481A.72](#), [482.6](#), [483A.3](#), [483A.6](#), [483A.8A](#), [483A.19](#),
25 [483A.27](#), and [483A.27A](#), the scheduled fine is twenty dollars.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill requires that a blind or stand placed on public
30 land for hunting deer be affixed with and exhibit a metal plate
31 which plainly shows the hunting license number of the owner of
32 the blind or stand.

33 For a tree blind or stand, the metal plate must be affixed
34 on the front of the foot platform of the blind or stand on the
35 third step up from the ground. For a pop-up blind or stand, the

1 metal plate must be affixed to or hung from the zipper head or
2 access hook of the blind or stand.

3 For purposes of the bill, a "blind or stand" is a device
4 or an enclosure used for concealment while hunting deer,
5 constructed either wholly or partially from man-made materials,
6 and used by a person who is hunting deer for the purpose of
7 hiding from sight. A "blind or stand" does not include a
8 naturally occurring landscape feature or an arrangement of
9 natural or agricultural plant material that a deer hunter uses
10 for concealment. The natural resource commission is required
11 to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill. A
12 violation of the provisions of the bill is punishable by a
13 scheduled fine of \$20.