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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 164)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development and maintenance of specified
2 policies by the department of natural resources.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455A.4, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department shall develop and
4 maintain policies regarding private property rights, search
5 warrant requirements, and investigative procedures.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill requires the department of natural resources to
10 develop policies relating to private property rights, search
11 warrant requirements, and investigative procedures. Pursuant
12 to Code section 481A.12, the director of the department or
13 a peace officer currently does not need to obtain a warrant
14 prior to seizing an animal or part of an animal that a person
15 illegally obtained. The bill allows the department to
16 determine when a warrant will be necessary and how to obtain
17 information that may be used in a warrant application.