

House File 2365 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 566)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to conservation and recreation policies and
2 programs within 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 is, except as otherwise
4 provided by law, empowered to make and execute agreements,
5 contracts, grants, and other instruments necessary to carry out
6 the department's obligations. The department's obligations
7 shall not be expanded or enlarged by this authority beyond
8 the powers specifically delegated to or conferred upon the
9 department.

10 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Chapter 28N, Code 2018, is repealed.

11 Sec. 3. REPEAL. Sections 455A.8 and 455A.8A, Code 2018,
12 are repealed.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill changes duties and responsibilities of the
17 department of natural resources.

18 The department currently does not have explicit
19 authorization to make and execute agreements, contracts,
20 grants, and other instruments necessary to carry out the
21 department's obligations. The bill grants the department this
22 authority.

23 Currently, a Mississippi river partnership council provides
24 a forum for stakeholders to discuss matters relevant to the
25 health, management, and use of the Mississippi river. The
26 council has the authority to develop strategies and work with
27 communities, organizations, other states, and federal agencies
28 to further its goals.

29 The department currently contains the Brushy creek
30 recreation trails advisory board that has the purpose of
31 maintaining and improving the trail system within the Brushy
32 creek recreation area and the adjoining state preserve.

33 The bill repeals the Mississippi river partnership council
34 and the Brushy creek recreation trails advisory board.