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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2166)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the management of the spread of diseases in
2 wild animals, making penalties applicable, and including
3 effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 481A.38, subsection 1, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. *a.* The commission may upon its own motion and after an
4 investigation, alter, limit, or restrict the methods or means
5 employed and the instruments or equipment used in taking wild
6 mammals, birds subject to [section 481A.48](#), fish, reptiles,
7 and amphibians, if the investigation reveals that the action
8 would be desirable or beneficial in promoting the interests of
9 conservation, ~~or the commission may, after an investigation~~
10 ~~when it is found there is imminent danger of loss of fish~~
11 ~~through natural causes, authorize the taking of fish by means~~
12 ~~found advisable to salvage imperiled fish populations.~~

13 *b.* The commission shall act to prevent, control, or
14 eradicate an infectious or contagious disease in any wild
15 animal as necessary to comply with section 456A.23. After
16 an investigation when it is found there is imminent danger
17 of loss of fish through natural causes, the commission may
18 authorize the taking of fish by means found advisable to
19 salvage imperiled fish populations. Upon the discovery of
20 an infectious or contagious disease in any wild animal, the
21 commission may establish a wild animal disease management zone
22 and take such actions within the zone as are necessary to
23 protect wild animal health and conserve biological balance.
24 Such actions may include but are not limited to establishing
25 special seasons, preventing the artificial movement of wild
26 animals, wild animal carcasses, or parts thereof, requiring
27 disease sample collection from harvested wild animals, and
28 limiting the unnatural congregation of wild animals. The
29 commission shall give at least twenty-four hours' notice by
30 mail or electronic means before establishing a zone and such
31 notice shall identify the specific activity requirements or
32 restrictions imposed in the zone.

33 *c.* The importation into the state of hunter-harvested
34 Cervidae carcasses from any state, province, or country that
35 chronic wasting disease has been confirmed within either

1 captive or wild cervid populations is prohibited, except for:

2 (1) Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the
3 spinal column or head attached.

4 (2) Meat that is boned out or that is cut and wrapped,
5 either commercially or privately.

6 (3) Hides and teeth.

7 (4) Antlers or skull plates with antlers attached but with
8 no brain tissue attached.

9 (5) Finished taxidermy mounts.

10 Nonresidents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a
11 direct route through Iowa are exempt from this prohibition.

12 ~~b.~~ d. The commission shall adopt a rule permitting a
13 crossbow to be used only by individuals with disabilities
14 who are physically incapable of using a bow and arrow under
15 the conditions in which a bow and arrow is permitted. The
16 commission shall prepare an application to be used by an
17 individual requesting the status. The application shall
18 require the individual's physician to sign a statement
19 declaring that the individual is not physically able to use a
20 bow and arrow.

21 e. A person who violates paragraph "c" shall, in lieu of the
22 provisions of section 481A.32, be assessed a minimum fine of
23 one hundred dollars. Each carcass transported into the state
24 in violation of paragraph "c" shall be a separate offense.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
26 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill requires the natural resource commission to act
31 to prevent, control, or eradicate an infectious or contagious
32 disease in any wild animal. The bill allows the commission
33 to authorize the taking of fish by means found advisable in
34 order to salvage imperiled fish populations. The bill also
35 authorizes the commission to establish a disease management

1 zone for any other wild animal, upon the finding of an
2 infectious or contagious disease in a population of that
3 animal, and take certain actions to prevent the spread of
4 disease through that animal population. The bill prohibits
5 the importation of Cervidae carcasses into the state from any
6 state, province, or country where chronic wasting disease has
7 been confirmed within either captive or wild cervid populations
8 except under certain conditions.

9 A person who transports a Cervidae carcass into the state
10 in violation of the provisions of the bill shall be assessed a
11 minimum \$100 fine.

12 This bill is effective upon enactment.