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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to taking fur-bearing animals without prior
2 permission of the natural resource commission.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.87, Code 2022, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **481A.87 Open seasons.**

4 1. Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not take,
5 capture, kill, or have in possession a fur-bearing animal or
6 any of its parts at any time except during the open season as
7 set by the commission ~~except where.~~

8 2. A person may kill, trap, or ensnare a fur-bearing
9 animal when the killing, trapping, or ensnaring is for the
10 protection of a person or public or private property with the
11 prior permission of a duly appointed representative of the
12 commission. If prior permission is impractical or impossible
13 to obtain and the fur-bearing animal represents a threat to a
14 person, domestic animal, or private property, the fur-bearing
15 animal may be taken without prior permission.

16 3. Prior permission is not required for taking a coyote,
17 raccoon, opossum, skunk, or groundhog if the taking is for
18 nuisance-control purposes.

19 4. All fur-bearing animals and all parts thereof taken as
20 provided in ~~this section~~ subsection 2 or 3 shall be disposed
21 of on the site or shall be relinquished to a representative of
22 the commission.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to the taking of fur-bearing animals
27 without prior permission of the natural resource commission
28 (NRC).

29 Under current law, a person may kill, trap, or ensnare a
30 fur-bearing animal outside of the open season if the killing,
31 trapping, or ensnaring is for the protection of a person or
32 public or private property and with the prior permission of
33 a duly appointed representative of NRC. A person may take
34 a fur-bearing animal without receiving prior permission if
35 prior permission is impractical or impossible to obtain and the

1 fur-bearing animal represents a threat to a person, domestic
2 animal, or private property.

3 Under the bill, a person may take a coyote, raccoon, opossum,
4 skunk, or groundhog without receiving prior permission if the
5 taking is for nuisance-control purposes. Any fur-bearing
6 animal taken pursuant to an exception in Code section 481A.87
7 shall be disposed of onsite or shall be relinquished to a
8 representative of the commission.