

House File 103 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of natural resource use
2 permits, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.103B Natural resource use
2 permits.

3 The director may issue up to ten natural resource use permits
4 each year that authorize economic development projects to use
5 or encroach on property managed or owned by the department. An
6 economic development project must promote the natural resources
7 of the state. The extent of the economic development project's
8 use or encroachment shall not exceed one hundred square feet.
9 A permit issued under this section is valid for six months and
10 cannot be extended. The economic development project shall
11 not damage the property managed or owned by the department and
12 evidence of the use or encroachment shall not be visible on the
13 property after one year from the expiration of the permit.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to the issuance of a natural resource
18 use permit (permit). The bill authorizes the director of
19 the department of natural resources (DNR) to issue up to 10
20 permits each year that authorize economic development projects
21 (project) to use or encroach on property managed or owned by
22 DNR. A project must promote the natural resources of the
23 state. A project's use or encroachment shall not exceed 100
24 square feet of the property managed or owned by DNR. A permit
25 is valid for six months and cannot be extended. A project
26 shall not damage the property and evidence of the use or
27 encroachment shall not be visible on the property after one
28 year from the expiration of the permit.

29 By operation of law, a person who violates a permit issued
30 under the bill is subject to civil enforcement procedures,
31 including penalties, adopted by the environmental protection
32 commission.