

**House File 2099 - Introduced**

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BY LOHSE and JACOBY

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the taking of black bears, and making
- 2 penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 481A.1, subsection 20, Code 2026, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 20. "*Fur-bearing animals*" means the following, which are  
4 declared to be fur-bearing animals for the purpose of regulation  
5 and protection under the Code: black bear, beaver, badger, mink,  
6 otter, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, opossum, spotted skunk or civet  
7 cat, weasel, coyote, bobcat, wolf, groundhog, red fox, and gray  
8 fox. This chapter does not apply to domesticated fur-bearing  
9 animals.

10 Sec. 2. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
11 2026, is amended to read as follows:

12 a. For each black bear, elk, antelope, buffalo, or moose, two  
13 thousand five hundred dollars.

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 taking of black bears. The bill  
18 designates black bears as a fur-bearing animal. The natural  
19 resource commission may allow for the hunting or trapping of  
20 black bears upon the acquisition of a fur harvester license and  
21 subject to limitations the commission imposes by rule.

22 A person who unlawfully takes a black bear is subject to a  
23 scheduled fine dependent on the matter of the offense relating to  
24 an unlawful take or attempt to take. Additionally, a person who  
25 is convicted of unlawfully taking a black bear shall pay civil  
26 damages in the amount of \$2,500. A black bear taken unlawfully  
27 is subject to seizure by the director of the department of  
28 natural resources.