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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to businesses removing and disposing of
2 wild animal carcasses, including licensing, reciprocity,
3 possession, and reporting requirements for carcass removers.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **481A.161 Definition.**

2 As used in this subchapter, "carcass remover" means any
3 person, firm, partnership, or corporation engaged in the business
4 of removing and disposing of the carcass of any wild animal
5 from public or private land, including any public road or
6 right-of-way.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **481A.162 License — reciprocity.**

8 1. The commission shall issue licenses and area permits to
9 carcass removers that allow the carcass remover to remove and
10 dispose of the carcass of any wild animal from public or private
11 land, including any public road or right-of-way, in Iowa. A
12 license shall be required of each carcass remover and each
13 employee, agent, or representative of a carcass remover. A
14 carcass remover shall conduct business only within a geographic
15 area specified on the carcass remover's license or at the place
16 of business specified on the license of any carcass remover. A
17 nonresident licensed carcass remover may purchase area permits
18 to operate within geographic areas other than within the area
19 specified on the carcass remover's license. A resident licensed
20 carcass remover may obtain area permits without fee. Each area
21 permit shall be valid only within the geographic area specified
22 on the area permit and shall entitle the carcass remover and
23 employee, agent, or representative of the licensed carcass
24 remover to operate within that geographic area. The commission
25 shall, upon application and the payment of the required license
26 or permit fee, if any, furnish the proper license and area
27 permits to the remover.

28 2. a. A resident of another state shall pay a fee in an
29 amount established by rules adopted pursuant to paragraph "b" for
30 the nonresident carcass remover's license unless that state has a
31 reciprocity agreement with this state. The reciprocity agreement
32 must provide that each state will charge nonresidents from the
33 other state the same fee for the nonresident carcass remover's
34 license and the fee under the agreement must be less than the fee
35 of this state for nonresidents and higher than the fee of this

1 state for residents.

2 b. The commission shall adopt by rule fees for the issuance
3 of resident and nonresident carcass remover licenses and area
4 permits under this subchapter. The fees shall be based on the
5 cost of administering this subchapter.

6 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **481A.163 Possession of carcasses.**

7 A licensed carcass remover may have in their possession at any
8 time carcasses of animals that have been lawfully removed.

9 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **481A.164 Disposal requirements —**
10 **antlers.**

11 The antlers on a deer removed by a licensed carcass remover
12 shall be delivered to the local conservation officer for
13 disposal.

14 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **481A.165 Reports.**

15 Carcass removers shall keep accurate, current records of
16 carcass removal and disposal. The records shall show the number
17 and kinds of carcasses that have been removed and disposed of,
18 the date of removal and disposal, and the approximate location of
19 the disposal. Such records shall be open at all reasonable times
20 to inspection by the commission. On or before May 15 of each
21 year, each carcass remover shall file a verified report with the
22 commission. The report shall include all removals and disposals
23 for the preceding year.

24 Sec. 6. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall
25 designate sections 481A.161 through 481A.164, as enacted by this
26 Act, as a new subchapter within chapter 481A, entitled "Carcass
27 Removers".

28 **EXPLANATION**

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

31 This bill relates to businesses removing and disposing of wild
32 animal carcasses, including licensing, reciprocity, possession,
33 and reporting requirements for carcass removers.

34 The bill defines "carcass remover" as any person or business
35 entity engaged in the business of removing and disposing of the

1 carcass of any wild animal from public or private land, including
2 public roads and rights-of-way.

3 The bill requires the natural resource commission (commission)
4 to issue licenses and area permits to carcass removers that
5 allow the carcass remover to engage in business within Iowa.
6 The bill requires a license for each carcass remover and for
7 each employee, agent, or representative of a carcass remover.
8 The bill provides that a licensed carcass remover may conduct
9 business only within the geographic area specified on the license
10 or at the place of business specified on the license. The bill
11 authorizes the issuance of area permits that allow a carcass
12 remover to operate in additional specified geographic areas. A
13 nonresident licensed carcass remover may purchase area permits to
14 operate outside the geographic area specified on the remover's
15 license, while a resident licensed carcass remover may obtain
16 area permits without a fee. Each area permit is valid only
17 within the geographic area specified. The bill directs the
18 commission, upon application and payment of any required license
19 or permit fee, to issue the proper license and area permits.

20 The bill establishes reciprocity provisions for nonresident
21 carcass removers and requires the commission to adopt rules
22 establishing fees for carcass remover licenses and area permits.

23 The bill authorizes a licensed carcass remover to possess
24 carcasses of animals that have been lawfully removed.

25 The bill requires the antlers on a deer removed by a licensed
26 carcass remover to be delivered to the local conservation officer
27 for disposal.

28 The bill requires carcass removers to maintain accurate
29 and current records of carcass removal and disposal. The
30 records must include the number and kinds of carcasses removed
31 and disposed of, the dates of removal and disposal, and the
32 approximate location of disposal. The bill requires the records
33 to be open to inspection by the commission at all reasonable
34 times. The bill further requires each carcass remover to file
35 a verified annual report with the commission on or before May 15

1 of each year that includes all removals and disposals from the
2 preceding year.

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