

**House File 434 - Introduced**

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BY OLSON

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to taking otters on one's own property.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.87, Code 2025, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. An owner of property may at any time take  
4 an otter on the owner's property, subject to the prohibitions  
5 provided in sections 481A.91 and 481A.92.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to taking otters on one's own property.

10 The bill allows a property owner to take an otter on the  
11 owner's property at any time subject to certain limitations. The  
12 bill prohibits a property owner from using a shotgun or spear to  
13 kill an otter and provides limitations on methods of trapping an  
14 otter.

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