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Cities and Towns.

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Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to create an Iowa Recreation Service.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. There is hereby created an agency to be
2 known as the Iowa Recreation Service.

1 Sec. 2. (1) The recreation service shall consist of six
2 members, appointed by the governor as representative of the
3 various recreation groups in the state, and the superintendent
4 of public instruction, and the director of the conservation
5 commission as ex-officio members.

6 (2) These six members shall elect one of their number to
7 act as chairman. At least two of the members shall be
8 women. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute
9 a quorum.

10 (3) For the initial term of the appointed members, two
11 shall be appointed for a term of two years, two for a term of
12 four years, two for a term of six years; and thereafter, the
13 successor of each member shall be appointed for a term of six
14 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

15 (4) Any appointed member may be removed by the governor.

16 (5) Vacancies in membership shall be filled by the governor
17 for an unexpired term.

18 (6) The Iowa Recreation Service shall meet quarterly and at
19 other times upon call of the chairman.

20 (7) Members shall serve without compensation except that
21 they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
22 expense actually incurred in performing their duties as
23 members of the Iowa Recreation Service.

1 Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of Iowa Recreation Service

2 (1) To study recreation needs of the state and to assemble
3 and disseminate recreation information.

4 (2) To provide, upon request, to municipalities and other
5 political sub-division of the state and to other organizations,
6 assistance in the development of wholesome and adequate
7 recreation programs for the people of Iowa.

8 (3) To cooperate in recreation matters with governmental
9 agencies and private groups.

10 (4) To submit an annual report of its activities to the
11 governor.

1 Sec. 4. The Iowa Recreation Service is hereby authorized:

2 (1) To make rules and regulations for the proper
3 administration of its duties.

4 (2) To receive any grant of funds made by any governmental
5 agency or any private gifts, bequests, devices and endowments.

6 The funds, if given as an endowment, shall be invested in

7 accordance with the provision of the trust or if there be no
8 such provision in those securities in which the State Sinking
9 Fund may be invested.

10 (3) To administer all funds available to the Iowa Recreation
11 Services.

12 (4) To act jointly, when requested, with any other state
13 agency, institution, department, board or commission in order
14 to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of the Iowa
15 Recreation Services.

16 (5) To appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary
17 to assist in carrying out the provisions of this Act. Members
18 of such committees shall serve without compensation.

19 (6) To employ an executive director who shall be chosen
20 for his training, ability and experience in the field of
21 community recreation, and other qualified employees necessary
22 to carry out the provisions of this act.

1 Sec. 5. If any provision of the Act, is held invalid,
2 such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the Act,
3 which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and
4 to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be
5 severable.

EXPLANATION TO H. F. 261

This bill will establish a service designed to aid small communities in setting up and maintaining proper recreation facilities. Many small communities now seeking to provide recreation for their citizens, especially young people and the aged, have difficulty both in starting and operating these programs. In the present national emergency, good recreation is of primary importance in combatting juvenile delinquency and in forwarding civilian defense. This bill, without great expense, will give small towns a place from which to secure information, program and operating helps, consultation and direction service in their recreation efforts which they do not presently have. The bill has the endorsement of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, Iowa Parents and Teacher's Association, Iowa Municipal Recreation Executives Association, Iowa Lions Clubs, and many local recreation, youth, and civic groups.