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April 12, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 552, an Act relating to requirements for using a dog to track a wounded deer.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 552

AN ACT

RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR USING A DOG TO TRACK A WOUNDED DEER.

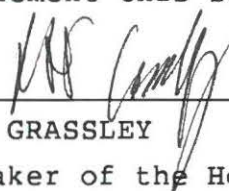
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 481A.56A, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

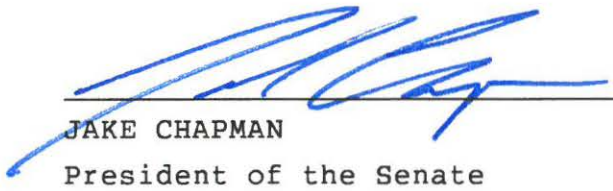
481A.56A Retrieval of wounded deer by leashed dogs.

A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use a dog to track and retrieve the wounded deer. ~~A dog being used for tracking a wounded deer and a person using a dog for tracking a wounded deer shall both be trained in deer blood tracking.~~ An unarmed dog handler assisting in the recovery of a wounded deer is exempt from the licensing requirements as long as the handler is associated with the licensed hunter who wounded the deer. Any person using a dog for tracking wounded deer must maintain physical control of the dog at all times during the search by means of a maximum fifty-foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness. The ~~person~~ licensed hunter who wounded the deer may dispatch the deer using a legal method of take authorized by the person's deer hunting license consistent with all rules and regulations for that season. A person shall not use ~~that method of take to~~ chase, hunt, wound, or kill any animal other than the deer that the hunter is tracking, except in self-defense. Using a dog to track a wounded deer on private property is permissible ~~at any~~

~~hour~~ with consent of the property owner. A person using a dog to track a wounded deer outside of legal deer hunting hours shall not be in possession of a firearm or archery device. The commission ~~shall~~ may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

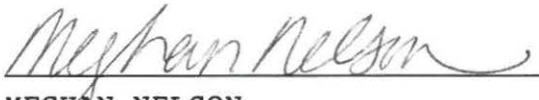


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



JAKE CHAPMAN
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 552, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 12th, 2021



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor