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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of artificial light while hunting and  
2 subjecting violators to an existing penalty.

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

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NAT. RES. & ENVIRONMENT

1 Section 1. Section 481A.93, Code 1999, is amended by  
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 481A.93 HUNTING BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

5 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person, either  
6 singly or as one of a group of persons, shall not throw or  
7 cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial  
8 light on a highway or in a field, woodland, or forest for the  
9 purpose of spotting, locating, or taking or attempting to  
10 take, or hunt a bird or animal.

11 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to the following persons:

12 a. A person, either singly or as one of a group of  
13 persons, who from February 1 through August 31 uses an  
14 artificial light on a highway or in a field, woodland, or  
15 forest if the person does not have in the person's immediate  
16 possession a firearm, bow, or other implement or device by  
17 which a bird or animal could be killed or taken.

18 b. A person who is hunting raccoons or other fur-bearing  
19 animals and uses an artificial light when those animals are  
20 treed with the aid of a dog.

21 c. A person who uses an artificial light within the  
22 corporate limits of a city while hunting deer under the  
23 direction of the city pursuant to an approved special deer  
24 control plan.

25 d. A landowner or tenant using an artificial light on land  
26 owned or leased by the owner or tenant.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill prohibits a person, singly or as one of a group  
29 of persons, from throwing or casting the rays of a spotlight,  
30 headlight, or other artificial light on a highway or in a  
31 field, woodland, or forest for the purpose of spotting,  
32 locating, or taking or attempting to take a bird or animal.  
33 Exceptions are provided for persons who use artificial lights  
34 without the person having in the person's immediate possession  
35 a firearm, bow, or other implement or device by which a bird

1 or animal could be killed or taken, from February 1 through  
2 August 31; a person hunting raccoons or other fur-bearing  
3 animals who uses an artificial light after those animals are  
4 treed with the aid of a dog; a person who uses an artificial  
5 light in connection with a special deer control plan within a  
6 city; or a landowner or tenant using an artificial light on  
7 land owned or leased by the landowner or tenant.

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