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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2254
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the discharge of a firearm on a public hunting
2 area.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.123, Code 2003, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. This section does not apply to the
4 discharge of a firearm on premises posted as a public hunting
5 area, if the premises were posted as a public hunting area
6 prior to the erection of a building inhabited by people or
7 domestic livestock, or prior to the construction of a feedlot,
8 located within two hundred yards of the public hunting area.
9 This subsection applies only to the erection of a building
10 inhabited by people or domestic livestock or to the
11 construction of a feedlot located within two hundred yards of
12 a public hunting area, which erection or construction occurs
13 on or after the effective date of this Act.

14 As used in this subsection, "public hunting area" means
15 public lands or waters available for hunting by the public and
16 established and posted by the commission as a public hunting
17 area.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that discharging a firearm on premises
20 posted as a public hunting area is exempt from the requirement
21 that a firearm cannot be discharged within 200 yards of a
22 building inhabited by people or domestic livestock, or of a
23 feedlot, unless the owner or tenant has given consent, if the
24 premises were posted as a public hunting area prior to the
25 erection of such a building or construction of such a feedlot.
26 The bill applies only to the erection of such a building or
27 construction of such a feedlot that occurs on or after the
28 effective date of the bill. For purposes of the bill, "public
29 hunting area" means public lands or waters available for
30 hunting by the public and established and posted by the
31 natural resource commission as a public hunting area. A
32 violation of Code section 481A.123 is punishable by a
33 scheduled fine of \$25 under Code section 805.8B.

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