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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 42  
BY WHITAKER

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to hunting by artificial light.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 42

1 Section 1. Section 481A.93, Code 2005, 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 hunting 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 to  
26 search for domestic livestock or carry out normal agricultural  
27 operations on land owned or leased by the owner or tenant.

28 e. A worker in the performance of the worker's duties.

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EXPLANATION

30 This bill prohibits the use of a spotlight, headlight, or  
31 other artificial light on a highway, or in a field, woodland,  
32 or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking or  
33 attempting to take, or hunting a bird or animal except under  
34 certain specific circumstances. Those circumstances are: the  
35 person using an artificial light is not in possession of a

1 firearm, bow, or other implement to take or kill a bird or  
2 animal and the light is used during the period of time from  
3 February 1 through August 31; a person is hunting raccoons or  
4 other fur-bearing animals and uses an artificial light when  
5 those animals are treed with the aid of a dog; a person uses  
6 an artificial light within the corporate limits of a city  
7 while hunting deer under the direction of the city pursuant to  
8 an approved special deer control plan; a landowner or tenant  
9 uses an artificial light to search for domestic livestock or  
10 to carry out normal agricultural operations on land owned or  
11 leased by the landowner or tenant; or a worker uses artificial  
12 light in the performance of the worker's duties.

13 A violation of this provision is a scheduled fine of \$100.

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