

# House File 2068 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting by certain nonresident landowners on  
2 land owned by them.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5400YH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
1 2 Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 2. a. As used in this subsection:

1 4 (1) "Family member" means a ~~resident of Iowa~~ person who is  
1 5 the spouse or child of the owner or tenant and who resides  
1 6 with the owner or tenant.

1 7 (2) "Farm unit" means all parcels of land which are  
1 8 certified by the commission pursuant to rule as meeting all of  
1 9 the following requirements:

1 10 (a) Are in tracts of two or more contiguous acres.

1 11 (b) Are operated as a unit for agricultural purposes.

1 12 (c) Are under the lawful control of the owner or the  
1 13 tenant.

1 14 (3) "Owner" means an owner of a farm unit who ~~is a~~  
~~resident of Iowa and who~~ is one of the following:

1 15 (a) Is the sole operator of the farm unit.

1 16 (b) Makes all of the farm operation decisions but  
1 17 contracts for custom farming or hires labor for all or part of  
1 18 the work on the farm unit.

1 19 (c) Participates annually in farm operation decisions or  
1 20 cropping practices on specific fields of the farm unit that  
1 21 are rented to a tenant.

1 22 (d) Raises specialty crops on the farm unit including, but  
1 23 not limited to, orchards, nurseries, or tree farms that do not  
1 24 always produce annual income but require annual operating  
1 25 decisions about maintenance or improvement.

1 26 (e) Has all or part of the farm unit enrolled in a  
1 27 long-term agricultural land retirement program of the federal  
1 28 government.

1 29 (f) ~~An "owner" does not mean a person who owns~~ Owns a farm  
1 30 unit and ~~who~~ employs a farm manager or third party to operate  
1 31 the farm unit, or ~~a person who~~ owns a farm unit and ~~who~~ rents  
1 32 the entire farm unit to a tenant who is responsible for all  
1 33 farm operations. ~~However, this paragraph does not apply to an~~  
~~owner who is a parent of the tenant and who resides in this~~  
~~state.~~

2 1 (4) "Tenant" means a person who is a resident of Iowa and  
2 2 who rents and actively farms a farm unit owned by another  
2 3 person. A member of the owner's family may be a tenant. A  
2 4 member who works on the farm for a wage and is not a family  
2 5 member does not qualify as a tenant.

### EXPLANATION

2 6 This bill relates to hunting by a landowner or a family  
2 7 member of a landowner on certain land owned by the landowner.

2 8 Currently, a landowner of a farm unit who is a resident of  
2 9 Iowa or a family member of a landowner who is a resident of  
2 10 Iowa is eligible to hunt, fish, and trap on the farm unit  
2 11 without a license and is eligible to obtain special licenses  
2 12 to hunt deer and wild turkey on that farm unit.

2 13 The bill allows any landowner or family member of a  
2 14 landowner, even a nonresident, to hunt, fish, and trap, on the  
2 15 farm unit without a license and to obtain special deer and  
2 16 turkey hunting licenses for use only on the farm unit. The  
2 17 bill also changes the definition of "owner" of a farm unit to  
2 18 include a person who owns a farm unit and employs a farm  
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2 21 manager or third party to operate the farm unit or rents the  
2 22 entire farm unit to a tenant who is responsible for all farm  
2 23 operations.  
2 24 "Farm unit" means all parcels of land which are certified  
2 25 by the natural resource commission as being in tracts of two  
2 26 or more contiguous acres, are operated as a unit for  
2 27 agricultural purposes, and are under the lawful control of the  
2 28 owner or tenant.  
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