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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the use of a leashed dog to retrieve a wounded
2 deer and providing a penalty.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.56A Retrieval of wounded deer
2 by leashed dogs.

3 A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer
4 hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use
5 a dog to locate and retrieve the wounded animal. The hunter
6 or any person in the company of the hunter shall not possess a
7 firearm or bow while using a dog in this manner and shall have
8 control of the dog by leash at all times during the search.
9 The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
10 implement this section.

11 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
12 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

13 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,
14 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.56A, 481A.60 through 481A.62,
15 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3,
16 sections 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and 483A.28, the
17 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a hunter
20 with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license who
21 wounds a deer while hunting to use a dog to locate and retrieve
22 the wounded animal. The hunter or any person in the company of
23 the hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow while using a dog
24 in this manner and shall have control of the dog by leash at
25 all times during the search. The natural resource commission
26 shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to implement
27 this provision.

28 A violation of the new provision is punishable by a scheduled
29 fine of \$25.