

House File 90 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the use of a trained 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 trained 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 trained blood-scent tracking dog to locate and retrieve the
6 wounded animal. The hunter or any person in the company of
7 the hunter shall have the dog leashed and under control at all
8 times during the search. A person shall obtain permission
9 from the owner or tenant of private property before using
10 such a dog to locate a wounded deer on the private property.
11 The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
12 implement this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
14 2013, is amended to read as follows:

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

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a
22 hunter with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license
23 who wounds a deer while hunting to use a trained blood-scent
24 tracking dog to locate and retrieve the wounded animal. The
25 hunter or any person in the company of the hunter shall have
26 the dog leashed and under control at all times during the
27 search. A person must obtain permission from the owner or
28 tenant before using such a dog to locate a wounded deer on
29 private property. The natural resource commission shall adopt
30 rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to implement this provision.

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