

House File 2120 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to possession and storage of game or
2 fur-bearing animals and their pelts and including penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.57, Code 2016, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **481A.57 Possession and storage.**

4 A person having lawful possession of game or fur-bearing
5 animals or their pelts, ~~except deer venison, may hold them for~~
6 ~~not to exceed thirty days after the close of the open season~~
7 ~~for such game or furbearers. A person having lawful possession~~
8 ~~of deer venison which is lawfully taken by that person with~~
9 a valid deer hunting or trapping license, may hold, possess,
10 or store the deer venison game or fur-bearing animals or their
11 pelts from the date of taking until the following September
12 1. ~~From September 1 until the first day of the next deer open~~
13 ~~season for which the person holds a valid deer hunting license,~~
14 ~~the person shall not possess more than twenty-five pounds of~~
15 ~~deer venison. Any person may possess up to twenty-five pounds~~
16 of deer venison if the deer was obtained from a lawful source.
17 ~~A permit to hold for a longer period may be granted by the~~
18 ~~department.~~

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill provides that a person having lawful possession
23 of game or fur-bearing animals or their pelts lawfully taken
24 by that person with a valid hunting or trapping license may
25 hold, possess, or store them from the date of taking. The bill
26 retains current law allowing any person to possess up to 25
27 pounds of deer venison if the deer was obtained from a lawful
28 source. The scheduled fine for a violation of the bill's
29 provisions is \$100.

30 Currently, a person having lawful possession of game or
31 fur-bearing animals or their pelts may hold them for not to
32 exceed 30 days after the close of the open season for such game
33 or furbearers. For deer venison, a person may hold any amount
34 of venison taken with a valid hunting license, from the date
35 of taking until the following September 1. From September 1

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1 until the first day of the next deer hunting open season for
2 which the person holds a valid deer hunting license, the person
3 shall not hold more than 25 pounds of venison. The department
4 of natural resources may grant a permit allowing a person to
5 exceed these time restrictions.