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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the purchase of weapons seized as a public
2 nuisance by certain persons affiliated with the department
3 of natural resources.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.33, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The director, the director's officers,
4 an employee of the department, or a member of their immediate
5 family shall not purchase a weapon seized pursuant to section
6 483A.32 and disposed of pursuant to this section or section
7 809.21. For purposes of this subsection, "*member of their*
8 *immediate family*" means a spouse, child, stepchild, brother,
9 brother-in-law, stepbrother, sister, sister-in-law, stepsister,
10 parent, parent-in-law, or stepparent of the director, the
11 officer, or other employee who resides in the same household
12 in the same principal residence of the director, officer, or
13 other employee.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill prohibits the director, officers, and employees
18 of the department of natural resources and members of
19 their immediate families from purchasing a weapon seized
20 as a public nuisance incident to a violation of specified
21 statutes pertaining to wildlife laws and sold at a public
22 sale or auction by the department of natural resources or
23 the department of public safety. Legal weapons, including
24 rifles and shotguns, seized in this manner are disposed of,
25 as provided by rule, by the department at its annual public
26 sale. Other legal weapons seized may be sold by the department
27 of public safety at public auction pursuant to Code section
28 809.21.