

**House File 2179 - Introduced**

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BY HEARTSILL

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to tagging requirements for deer carcasses and  
2 including penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 2, Code 2016, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The deer hunting license shall be accompanied by  
4 a tag designed to be used only once. When a deer is taken,  
5 the deer shall be tagged and the tag shall be dated. The tag  
6 shall be attached to the carcass of a deer taken within fifteen  
7 minutes of the time the deer carcass is located after being  
8 taken, or before the carcass is moved to be transported by any  
9 means from the place where the deer was taken, whichever occurs  
10 first. For each antlered deer taken, the tag shall be affixed  
11 to the deer's antlers.

12 b. For purposes of the tagging requirements in this  
13 subsection, a deer carcass may be moved away from an obstacle,  
14 entanglement, waterway, or any other area, including but not  
15 limited to a roadway, if tagging the carcass at that location  
16 would be a safety hazard to the hunter or a third person,  
17 before the tag is attached to the carcass. However, the  
18 carcass shall not be moved from the immediate vicinity of where  
19 the deer was taken, shall be moved only so far as is necessary  
20 to avoid the obstacle, entanglement, waterway, or other safety  
21 hazard, and shall be tagged immediately upon being so moved and  
22 before being moved to be transported.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill provides that for purposes of requirements that  
27 a deer carcass must be affixed with a tag before being moved  
28 for transport, the carcass can be moved away from an obstacle,  
29 entanglement, waterway, or any area, including but not limited  
30 to a roadway, if tagging the carcass at that location would be  
31 a safety hazard to the hunter or a third person, before the tag  
32 is attached. The bill also provides that the carcass shall  
33 not be moved from the immediate vicinity of where the deer was  
34 taken, shall be moved only so far as is necessary to avoid the  
35 safety hazard, and shall be immediately tagged upon being so

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1 moved and before being moved to be transported. A violation  
2 of the bill's provisions is punishable with a scheduled fine  
3 of \$25.