

House File 2194 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing possession of a handgun while hunting and
2 including penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 481A.48, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person who legally possesses a handgun
4 may carry that handgun while hunting during any hunting season
5 so long as the person is otherwise legally qualified to carry
6 the handgun. However, a person shall not use a handgun to hunt
7 unless the person has a valid hunting license with an unfilled
8 tag that permits use of that handgun to hunt during the season
9 in which the handgun is being used.

10 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph h,
11 subparagraph (5), Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

12 (5) ~~Possession~~ Prohibited use of a prohibited handgun,
13 pistol, or revolver while hunting ~~deer,~~ the scheduled fine is
14 one hundred dollars.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill allows a hunter to carry a handgun while hunting.

19 The bill adds new Code section 481A.48(6) which provides
20 that a person who legally possesses a handgun may carry that
21 handgun while hunting during any hunting season so long as
22 the person is otherwise legally qualified to carry a handgun.
23 However, a person shall not use a handgun to hunt unless the
24 person has a valid hunting license with an unfilled tag that
25 permits the use of that handgun to hunt during the season in
26 which the handgun is being used. A violation of the bill's
27 provisions is punishable with a scheduled fine of \$100.