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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to possession and use of certain handguns while
2 hunting deer and including penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.48, subsection 5, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. a. The commission shall establish one or more pistol
4 or revolver seasons for hunting deer as separate firearm
5 seasons or to coincide with one or more other firearm deer
6 hunting seasons. Any pistol or revolver firing a magnum
7 three hundred fifty-seven thousandths of one inch caliber or
8 larger, centerfire, straight wall ammunition propelling an
9 expanding-type bullet is legal for hunting deer during the
10 pistol or revolver seasons. The commission shall adopt rules
11 to allow black powder pistols or revolvers for hunting deer.
12 The rules shall not allow pistols or revolvers with shoulder
13 stock or long-barrel modifications. The barrel length of a
14 pistol or revolver used for deer hunting shall be at least four
15 inches. The rules may limit types of ammunition. A person
16 who is sixteen years of age or less shall not hunt deer with a
17 pistol or revolver.

18 b. A person with a valid permit to carry weapons pursuant to
19 section 724.7 may possess a pistol or revolver pursuant to that
20 permit while hunting deer. However, a person shall not use a
21 pistol or revolver to hunt deer unless the pistol or revolver
22 meets the requirements of paragraph "a" and the person has a
23 valid hunting license with an unfilled tag that permits use of
24 that pistol or revolver to hunt.

25 c. A person ~~possessing~~ using a ~~prohibited~~ pistol or revolver
26 ~~while hunting~~ to hunt deer in violation of this subsection
27 commits a scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection
28 3, paragraph "h", subparagraph (5).

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

31 (5) ~~Possession~~ Use of a prohibited pistol or revolver
32 ~~while hunting~~ to hunt deer, the scheduled fine is one hundred
33 dollars.

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EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill amends Code section 481A.48(5) to provide that
3 a person with a valid permit to carry weapons may possess a
4 pistol or revolver pursuant to that permit while hunting deer.
5 However, a person shall not use a pistol or revolver to hunt
6 deer unless the pistol or revolver meets the specifications of
7 the statute and the person has a valid hunting license with an
8 unfilled tag that permits use of that pistol or revolver to
9 hunt deer. A person using a pistol or revolver in violation of
10 the bill's provisions commits a scheduled violation punishable
11 with a fine of \$100.