

**Senate File 2134 - Introduced**

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BY KINNEY

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act allowing the use of a leashed dog to retrieve a wounded  
2 deer and providing a penalty.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.56A Retrieval of wounded deer  
2 by leashed dogs.

3 A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer  
4 hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use a  
5 dog to locate and retrieve the wounded deer. The hunter or any  
6 person in the company of the hunter shall not possess a firearm  
7 or bow while using a dog in this manner and shall have the  
8 dog leashed and under control at all times during the search.  
9 A person shall obtain permission from the owner or tenant of  
10 private property before using a dog to locate a wounded deer  
11 on the private property. The commission shall adopt rules  
12 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
14 2016, is amended to read as follows:

15 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,  
16 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.56A, 481A.60 through 481A.62,  
17 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection  
18 3, sections 483A.6A, 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and  
19 483A.28, the scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a  
24 hunter with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license  
25 who wounds a deer while hunting to use a dog to locate and  
26 retrieve the wounded deer. The hunter or any person in the  
27 company of the hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow while  
28 using a dog in this manner and shall have the dog leashed and  
29 under control at all times during the search. A person must  
30 obtain permission from the owner or tenant before using a dog  
31 to locate a wounded deer on private property. The natural  
32 resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter  
33 17A to implement this provision.

34 A violation of the new provision is punishable by a scheduled  
35 fine of \$25.