

House File 2127 - Introduced

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BY HEARTSILL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the purchase of weapons seized as a public
2 nuisance by certain persons.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.33, Code 2018, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

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

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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 prohibits the director, any peace officer, and
19 any employee of the department of natural resources and any
20 immediate family member of the director, a peace officer,
21 or an employee from purchasing a weapon seized as a public
22 nuisance incident to a violation of specified statutes
23 and rules pertaining to wildlife laws and sold at a public
24 sale or auction by the department of natural resources or
25 the department of public safety. Legal weapons, including
26 rifles and shotguns, seized in this manner are disposed of,
27 as provided by rule, by the department at its annual public
28 sale. Other legal weapons seized may be sold by the department
29 of public safety at public auction pursuant to Code section
30 809.21.