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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the classification or definition of
2 firearms.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455A.14 Limitation on authority
2 — firearms.

3 The natural resource commission or the department shall not
4 adopt or enforce a rule that discriminates on the basis of
5 action type or configuration between firearms that otherwise
6 meet the requirements of the natural resource commission and
7 the department with respect to ammunition and barrel length,
8 and if the use and possession of the firearm is otherwise
9 lawful. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to
10 prohibit the natural resource commission or the department from
11 adopting or enforcing other rules or regulations related to the
12 taking of game.

13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 724.32 Firearm classification or
14 definition — federal regulations.

15 1. The state or a political subdivision of the state shall
16 adhere to regulations promulgated by the federal bureau of
17 alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives when classifying or
18 defining a firearm.

19 2. This section applies to any firearm classification or
20 definition adopted prior to, on, or after the effective date
21 of this Act.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to the classification or definition of
26 firearms.

27 The bill provides that the natural resource commission
28 or the department of natural resources shall not adopt or
29 enforce a rule that discriminates on the basis of action type
30 or configuration between firearms and that otherwise meet
31 the requirements of the natural resource commission and the
32 department with respect to ammunition and barrel length, and
33 if the use and possession of the firearm is otherwise lawful.
34 However, nothing in the bill shall be construed to prohibit the
35 natural resource commission or the department from adopting or

1 enforcing other rules or regulations related to the taking of
2 game.

3 Under the bill, the state or a political subdivision of the
4 state shall adhere to regulations promulgated by the federal
5 bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives when
6 classifying or defining a firearm.

7 The bill applies to any firearm classification or definition
8 adopted prior to, on, or after the effective date of the bill.