

**House File 475 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 475  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 210)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the use of a straight wall cartridge rifle
- 2 to hunt deer and including penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.48, Code 2017, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commission shall adopt rules  
4 pursuant to chapter 17A allowing the use of straight wall  
5 cartridge rifles to hunt deer as follows:

6 a. A straight wall cartridge rifle may be used to hunt deer  
7 during youth deer hunting season and first and second shotgun  
8 deer hunting seasons by a person who has a valid deer hunting  
9 license and is otherwise qualified to hunt.

10 b. A straight wall cartridge rifle that is allowed pursuant  
11 to this subsection shall be of the same caliber and use the  
12 same straight wall ammunition as is allowed for use in a pistol  
13 or revolver for hunting deer as provided in subsection 5.

14 In addition, the commission shall provide, by rule, for the  
15 use of straight wall ammunition under this subsection that  
16 meets ballistics specifications similar to the requirements  
17 for straight wall ammunition allowed for use in a pistol or  
18 revolver for hunting deer as provided in subsection 5.

19 c. A person possessing a prohibited rifle while hunting deer  
20 commits a scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection  
21 3, paragraph "h", subparagraph (6). In addition, the hunting  
22 privileges of a person convicted of possessing a prohibited  
23 rifle while hunting deer shall be suspended for two years.

24 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code  
25 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) Possession of a prohibited rifle  
27 while hunting deer, the scheduled fine is two hundred fifty  
28 dollars.

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#### EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill requires the natural resource commission to adopt  
33 rules allowing the use of straight wall cartridge rifles to  
34 hunt deer during youth deer hunting season and first and second  
35 shotgun deer hunting seasons. The straight wall cartridge

1 rifles allowed must be of the same caliber and use the same  
2 straight wall ammunition as is allowed for use in a pistol  
3 or revolver for hunting deer. In addition, the commission  
4 is required to adopt rules allowing the use of straight wall  
5 ammunition in a straight wall cartridge rifle that meets  
6 ballistics specifications similar to the requirements for  
7 straight wall ammunition allowed for use in a pistol or  
8 revolver for hunting deer.

9 A violation of the bill's provisions is punishable with a  
10 scheduled fine of \$250 and the hunting privileges of a person  
11 convicted of possessing a prohibited rifle while hunting deer  
12 must be suspended for two years.