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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to firearms requirements for hunting deer.

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

1 Section 1. Section 455A.5, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. For purposes of adopting rules, the
4 commission shall define and categorize firearms in a manner
5 fully consistent with the definitions established in 18 U.S.C.
6 §921 and 27 C.F.R. §478.11.

7 Sec. 2. Section 481A.48, subsection 5, Code 2019, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 5. The commission shall establish one or more pistol or
10 revolver seasons for hunting deer as separate firearm seasons
11 or to coincide with one or more other firearm deer hunting
12 seasons. Any pistol or revolver with a barrel length of at
13 least four inches and firing a magnum three hundred fifty-seven
14 thousandths of one inch caliber or larger, centerfire, straight
15 wall ammunition propelling an expanding-type bullet is legal
16 for hunting deer during the pistol or revolver seasons. The
17 commission shall adopt rules to allow black powder pistols or
18 revolvers for hunting deer. ~~The rules shall not allow pistols~~
19 ~~or revolvers with shoulder stock or long-barrel modifications.~~
20 ~~The barrel length of a pistol or revolver used for deer hunting~~
21 ~~shall be at least four inches.~~ The rules may limit types of
22 ammunition. A person who is ~~sixteen~~ twenty years of age or
23 less shall not hunt deer with a pistol or revolver unless that
24 person is accompanied and under direct supervision throughout
25 the hunt by a responsible person with a valid hunting license
26 who is at least twenty-one years of age, with the consent of a
27 parent, guardian, or spouse who is at least twenty-one years
28 of age, pursuant to section 724.22, subsection 5. A person
29 possessing a prohibited pistol or revolver while hunting deer
30 commits a scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection
31 3, paragraph "h", subparagraph (5).

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 Current law requires the natural resource commission to

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1 establish rules that prohibit the use of pistols and revolvers
2 with shoulder stock or long-barrel modifications when hunting
3 deer. Current law also prohibits a person under the age of 16
4 from hunting deer with a pistol or revolver.

5 This bill requires the commission to define and categorize
6 firearms to be consistent with federal definitions. The bill
7 also allows a person 20 years of age or less to hunt using a
8 pistol or revolver if the person is under direct supervision of
9 a person who is at least 21 years of age with a valid hunting
10 license, and has consent from a parent, guardian, or spouse who
11 is at least 21 years of age.