

House File 219 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age an adult child may hunt on a parent's
2 property.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Owners or tenants of land, and their ~~minor~~ children
4 who are younger than the age of twenty-seven, may hunt, fish
5 or trap upon such lands and may shoot by lawful means ground
6 squirrels, gophers, or woodchucks upon adjacent roads without
7 securing a license so to do; except, special licenses to hunt
8 deer and wild turkey shall be required of owners and tenants
9 but they shall not be required to have a special wild turkey
10 hunting license to hunt wild turkey on a hunting preserve
11 licensed under [chapter 484B](#).

12 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph a,
13 subparagraph (1), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) "*Family member*" means a resident of Iowa who is the
15 spouse or child, including an adult child who is younger than
16 the age of twenty-seven, of the owner or tenant and who resides
17 with the owner or tenant.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 Under current law, only a minor child may hunt certain
22 animals without a license on the land owned or leased by a
23 parent. This bill allows a child who is under the age of 27
24 to hunt certain animals without a license on land owned or
25 leased by a parent. The bill changes the definition of "family
26 member" for purposes of free wild turkey and deer hunting
27 licenses issued to landowners and tenants to include an adult
28 child that is under the age of 27.