

**House Study Bill 216 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BACON)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the discharge of a weapon from a motor  
2 vehicle and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.54, Code 2019, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **481A.54 Shooting rifle, shotgun, pistol, or revolver over**  
4 **water, highway, or railroad right-of-way — discharging weapon**  
5 **from a motor vehicle — exceptions.**

6 1. A person shall not shoot any rifle on or over any of the  
7 public waters or public highways of the state or any railroad  
8 right-of-way.

9 2. A person shall not shoot a shotgun with a slug load,  
10 pistol, or revolver on or over a public roadway as defined in  
11 section 321.1, subsection 65.

12 3. A person shall not discharge a weapon from a snowmobile,  
13 all-terrain vehicle, or any other motor vehicle, as defined  
14 in section 321.1. This subsection does not prohibit a person  
15 who uses a stationary motor-driven land conveyance intended to  
16 accommodate that person's physical disability from hunting from  
17 the conveyance, as provided by rules adopted by the department  
18 pursuant to section 483A.8C. For purposes of this subsection,  
19 "weapon" means a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or any other  
20 hunting weapon.

21 ~~3.~~ 4. This section does not apply to any peace officers or  
22 military personnel in the performance of their official duties.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to discharging a weapon from a motor  
27 vehicle. Hunting from a snowmobile is prohibited under current  
28 law. The bill prohibits a person from discharging a weapon  
29 from a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or any other motor  
30 vehicle. However, the bill does not prohibit a person who  
31 uses a stationary motor-driven land conveyance intended to  
32 accommodate that person's disability from hunting from the  
33 conveyance. A person who violates the provisions of the bill  
34 is subject to a scheduled fine of \$20.