

**House File 666 - Introduced**

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BY SORENSEN

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the placement of tree stands in a public  
2 hunting area, and making penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 481A.123, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. For a public hunting area, as defined in  
4 subsection 4, under control of the department that is adjacent  
5 to private property on which the general public does not have  
6 permission to hunt, the commission shall determine by rule the  
7 size of a buffer along the border with the private property  
8 within which a person shall not place a tree stand.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to the placement of tree stands on a public  
13 hunting area. For purposes of the bill, a public hunting  
14 area is land or water available for hunting by the public  
15 and identified as a public hunting area by the city, county,  
16 state, or federal government. Under the bill, if a public  
17 hunting area under the control of the department of natural  
18 resources is adjacent to private property on which the general  
19 public does not have permission to hunt, the natural resource  
20 commission shall determine by rule the size of a buffer along  
21 the border with the private property within which a person  
22 shall not place a tree stand.

23 A violation of the bill is punishable by a scheduled fine of  
24 \$35.