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BY WILLS

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 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. A person shall not discharge a
4 weapon from a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or any other
5 motor vehicle, as defined in section 321.1, except that a
6 nonambulatory person may discharge a firearm from a snowmobile
7 or all-terrain vehicle as provided in section 321G.13,
8 subsection 2, paragraph "c", or section 321I.14, subsection
9 2, paragraph "c". This subsection does not prohibit a person
10 who uses a stationary motor-driven land conveyance intended to
11 accommodate that person's physical disability from hunting from
12 the conveyance, as provided by rules adopted by the department
13 pursuant to section 483A.8C. For purposes of this subsection,
14 "weapon" means a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or any other
15 hunting weapon.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill relates to discharging a weapon from a motor
20 vehicle.

21 Current law generally prohibits discharging a firearm from
22 a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. The bill prohibits a
23 person from discharging a weapon from a snowmobile, all-terrain
24 vehicle, or any other motor vehicle except that a nonambulatory
25 person may discharge a firearm from a snowmobile or all-terrain
26 vehicle while lawfully hunting if the person is not operating
27 or riding a moving snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. The bill
28 does not prohibit a person who uses a stationary motor-driven
29 land conveyance intended to accommodate that person's
30 disability from hunting from the conveyance.

31 A violation of the bill is punishable by a scheduled fine of
32 \$30.