

House Study Bill 654 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the conveyance of firearms on certain
2 vehicles.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321G.13, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 ~~2. a. A person shall not operate or ride a snowmobile with
4 a firearm in the person's possession unless it is unloaded and
5 enclosed in a carrying case, except as otherwise provided.
6 However, a nonambulatory person may carry an uncased and
7 unloaded firearm while operating or riding a snowmobile.~~

8 ~~b. (1) A person may operate or ride a snowmobile with a
9 loaded firearm, whether concealed or not, without a permit to
10 carry weapons, if the person operates or rides on land owned,
11 possessed, or rented by the person and the person's conduct is
12 otherwise lawful.~~

13 ~~(2) A person may operate or ride a snowmobile with a loaded
14 pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, if the person is
15 operating or riding the snowmobile on land that is not owned,
16 possessed, or rented by the person, and the person's conduct is
17 otherwise lawful.~~

18 ~~e. A person shall not discharge a firearm while on a
19 snowmobile, except that a nonambulatory person may discharge a
20 firearm from a snowmobile while lawfully hunting if the person
21 is not operating or riding a moving snowmobile.~~

22 Sec. 2. Section 321I.14, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 ~~2. a. A person shall not operate or ride an all-terrain
25 vehicle with a firearm in the person's possession unless it is
26 unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, except as otherwise
27 provided. However, a nonambulatory person may carry an uncased
28 and unloaded firearm while operating or riding an all-terrain
29 vehicle.~~

30 ~~b. (1) A person may operate or ride an all-terrain vehicle
31 with a loaded firearm, whether concealed or not, without a
32 permit to carry weapons, if the person operates or rides on
33 land owned, possessed, or rented by the person and the person's
34 conduct is otherwise lawful.~~

35 ~~(2) A person may operate or ride an all-terrain vehicle with~~

1 ~~a loaded pistol or revolver, whether concealed or not, if the~~
2 ~~person is operating or riding the all-terrain vehicle on land~~
3 ~~that is not owned, possessed, or rented by the person, and the~~
4 ~~person's conduct is otherwise lawful.~~

5 ~~e.~~ A person shall not discharge a firearm while on an
6 all-terrain vehicle, except that a nonambulatory person may
7 discharge a firearm from an all-terrain vehicle while lawfully
8 hunting if the person is not operating or riding a moving
9 all-terrain vehicle.

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EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to the conveyance of firearms in or on
14 certain vehicles.

15 Current law prohibits a person from operating or riding a
16 snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle with a loaded firearm in the
17 person's possession unless the person is operating or riding
18 the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on land that is owned,
19 possessed, or rented by the person, and the person's conduct is
20 otherwise lawful. Additionally, a person may operate or ride
21 a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle with a loaded pistol or
22 revolver on land that is not owned, possessed, or rented by the
23 person, if the person's conduct is otherwise lawful. The bill
24 strikes these prohibitions and exceptions.