

House Study Bill 199 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
SAFETY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
VONDRAN)

A BILL FOR

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

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321G.13, subsection 2, Code 2025, 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~~
5 ~~and enclosed in a carrying case, except as otherwise provided.~~
6 ~~However, a nonambulatory person may carry an uncased and unloaded~~
7 ~~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 ~~c. 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 is~~
21 ~~not operating or riding a moving snowmobile.~~

22 Sec. 2. Section 321I.14, subsection 2, Code 2025, 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 permit~~
32 ~~to carry weapons, if the person operates or rides on land owned,~~
33 ~~possessed, or rented by the person and the person's conduct is~~
34 ~~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.

10 Sec. 3. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph q, Code 2025,
11 is amended by striking the paragraph.

12 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 483A.36, Code 2025, is repealed.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to the conveyance of firearms in or on
17 certain vehicles.

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

28 Unless otherwise permitted by law, current law generally
29 prohibits a person from having or carrying a gun in or on a
30 vehicle on a public highway unless the gun is taken down or
31 totally contained in a fastened case and with its barrels and
32 attached magazines unloaded. A person conveying an assembled,
33 unloaded gun is subject to a scheduled fine of \$35. A person
34 conveying a loaded gun is subject to a scheduled fine of \$70.
35 The bill repeals the prohibition and strikes the associated

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1 scheduled fines.

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