

**Senate File 281 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 281  
BY GREEN

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act prohibiting hunting near public recreation areas, and
- 2 making penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.123, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 4, Code  
2 2025, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person shall not discharge a firearm or shoot or attempt  
4 to shoot a game or fur-bearing animal within two hundred yards of  
5 a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock, within two  
6 hundred yards of a public recreation area, or within two hundred  
7 yards of a feedlot unless the owner or tenant has given consent.  
8 However, within the corporate limits of a city, a person may take  
9 deer with a firearm within fifty yards of a building inhabited  
10 by people or domestic livestock, or a feedlot pursuant to an  
11 approved special deer population control plan, if the person  
12 obtains permission of the owner or tenant of the building or  
13 feedlot.

14 2. As used in this section, ~~"feedlot"~~:

15 a. "Feedlot" means a lot, yard, corral, or other area in  
16 which livestock are present and confined, for the purposes of  
17 feeding and growth before slaughter. The term does not include  
18 areas ~~which~~ that are used for the raising of crops or other  
19 vegetation and upon which livestock are allowed to graze or feed.

20 b. "Public recreation area" means land acquired or developed  
21 for public recreation and identified as a public recreation area  
22 by the city, county, state, or federal government, except for  
23 public hunting areas, as defined under subsection 4.

24 3. a. This section does not apply to the discharge of a  
25 firearm for the purpose of target shooting on premises posted  
26 as a target shooting range that is open to the public, if the  
27 premises have been used as a target shooting range prior to the  
28 erection of a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock,  
29 prior to the establishment of a public recreation area, or prior  
30 to the construction of a feedlot, located within two hundred  
31 yards of the target shooting range. This subsection applies only  
32 to the erection of a building inhabited by people or domestic  
33 livestock or to the construction of a feedlot located within  
34 two hundred yards of a target shooting range that is open to  
35 the public and that is identified as a target shooting range by



1 provides exceptions for target shooting ranges and public hunting  
2 areas established before the implementation of the bill. The  
3 prohibition in the bill does not apply to the discharge of a  
4 firearm for the purpose of developing and retaining the shooting  
5 proficiency of certified law enforcement officers on premises  
6 owned by the state, a county, or a municipality, and operated by  
7 a law enforcement agency, that are not open to the general public  
8 and that were in operation prior to March 28, 2013.

9 A person who violates the bill commits a simple misdemeanor  
10 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$35.

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