

HOUSE FILE 716
BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 179)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 20, 2019)

[= New Language by the House

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to firearms requirements for hunting deer.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455A.5, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. For purposes of adopting rules, the
4 commission shall define and categorize firearms in a manner
5 fully consistent with the definitions established in 18 U.S.C.
6 §921 and 27 C.F.R. §478.11.

7 Sec. 2. Section 481A.48, subsections 5 and 6, Code 2019, are
8 amended to read as follows:

9 5. The commission shall establish one or more pistol
10 or revolver seasons for hunting deer as separate firearm
11 seasons or to coincide with one or more other firearm deer
12 hunting seasons. Any pistol or revolver ~~firing a magnum~~
13 ~~three hundred fifty seven thousandths of one inch caliber or~~
14 ~~larger, centerfire, straight wall ammunition propelling an~~
15 ~~expanding-type bullet~~ with a barrel length of at least four
16 inches and firing straight wall or other centerfire ammunition
17 propelling an expanding-type bullet with a maximum diameter of
18 no less than three hundred fifty thousandths of one inch and
19 no larger than five hundred thousandths of one inch and with
20 a published or calculated muzzle energy of five hundred foot
21 pounds or higher is legal for hunting deer during the pistol or
22 revolver seasons. The commission shall adopt rules to allow
23 black powder pistols or revolvers for hunting deer. ~~The rules~~
24 ~~shall not allow pistols or revolvers with shoulder stock or~~
25 ~~long-barrel modifications. The barrel length of a pistol or~~
26 ~~revolver used for deer hunting shall be at least four inches.~~
27 The rules may limit types of ammunition projectiles. A person
28 who is ~~sixteen~~ twenty years of age or less shall not hunt deer
29 with a pistol or revolver unless that person is accompanied and
30 under direct supervision throughout the hunt by a responsible
31 person with a valid hunting license who is at least twenty-one
32 years of age, with the consent of a parent, guardian, or spouse
33 who is at least twenty-one years of age, pursuant to section
34 724.22, subsection 5. [The responsible person with a valid
35 hunting license who is at least twenty-one years of age shall

1 be responsible for the conveyance of the pistol or revolver
2 while the pistol or revolver is not actively being used for
3 hunting.] A person possessing a prohibited pistol or revolver
4 while hunting deer commits a scheduled violation under section
5 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph "h", subparagraph (5).

6 6. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
7 allowing the use of ~~straight wall~~ cartridge rifles to hunt deer
8 as follows:

9 a. A ~~straight wall~~ cartridge rifle may be used to hunt deer
10 during youth and disabled deer hunting season and first and
11 second shotgun deer hunting seasons by a person who has a valid
12 deer hunting license and is otherwise qualified to hunt.

13 b. A ~~straight wall~~ cartridge rifle that is allowed pursuant
14 to this subsection shall be of the same caliber and use the
15 same straight wall or other ammunition as is allowed for
16 use in a pistol or revolver for hunting deer as provided in
17 subsection 5. In addition, the commission shall provide, by
18 rule, for the use of straight wall or other ammunition under
19 this subsection that meets ballistics specifications similar to
20 the requirements for straight wall or other ammunition allowed
21 for use in a pistol or revolver for hunting deer as provided in
22 subsection 5.

23 c. A person possessing a prohibited rifle while hunting deer
24 commits a scheduled violation under section 805.8B, subsection
25 3, paragraph "h", subparagraph (6). In addition, the hunting
26 privileges of a person convicted of possessing a prohibited
27 rifle while hunting deer shall be suspended for two years.