

**CHAPTER 1076****INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTING***S.F. 2300*

**AN ACT** relating to interference with lawful hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting and providing a penalty.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 481A.125, Code 1999, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**481A.125 INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR-HARVESTING ACTIVITIES — PENALTIES.**

1. As used in this section, “interfere with hunting, fishing, or fur-harvesting activities” means one or more of the following:

a. To intentionally place oneself in a location where a human presence may affect the behavior of a fur-bearing game animal, bird, or fish or the feasibility of killing or taking a fur-bearing game animal, bird, or fish with intent of obstructing or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting.

b. To intentionally create a visual, aural, olfactory, or physical stimulus for the purpose of affecting the behavior of a fur-bearing game animal, bird, or fish with the intent of obstructing or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting.

c. To intentionally affect the condition or alter the placement of personal property used for the purpose of killing or taking a fur-bearing game animal, bird, or fish with the intent of obstructing or harassing another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting.<sup>1</sup>

2. A person shall not interfere with the lawful hunting, fishing, or fur-harvesting activities of another person in an area where hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting is authorized by a custodian of public property or an owner or lessee of private property.

3. A person who commits:

a. A first offense of interfering with hunting, fishing, or fur-harvesting activities is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

b. A second or subsequent offense is punishable as a serious misdemeanor.

4. If a person who commits interfering with hunting, fishing, or fur-harvesting activities possesses a license, certificate, or permit issued by the department, the license, certificate, or permit is subject to suspension or revocation pursuant to section 481A.134.

5. This subsection<sup>2</sup> shall not prohibit a landowner, tenant, or an employee of a landowner or tenant from performing normal agricultural operations or a law enforcement officer from performing official duties.

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<sup>1</sup> See chapter 1232, §76 herein

<sup>2</sup> See chapter 1232, §77 herein