



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Loaded Firearms on ATVs and Snowmobiles HF 2283

Status of Bill: Bounced to House Floor
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Summary

Currently, Iowans are able to have a loaded and uncased firearm in cars, motorcycles and tractors. However, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmobiles are exempt from this law.

HF 2283 closes this loophole and allows loaded and uncased firearms on both ATVs and snowmobiles. This law also specifies that a person on their own property may have a loaded and uncased firearm on an ATV or snowmobile without a permit. This is already in code for cars, motorcycles and tractors.

Finally, the bill includes a provision that reiterates it is illegal to discharge a firearm when hunting or attempting to hunt while operating an ATV or snowmobile.

Amendment by Senate

H-8134- This amendment still allows for a landowner to carry a loaded handgun or long gun on an ATV or snowmobile without a permit while on their own property. If a person is not the landowner, they are allowed to carry a loaded handgun if it is secured in a retention holder worn by the person, and they have a valid gun permit. Those not on their own land will not be allowed to carry a loaded long gun on an ATV or snowmobile. Finally, there is a provision that explicitly states that a person shall not discharge a firearm on one of these vehicles unless they are a nonambulatory.