



**IOWA HOUSE
DEMOCRATS**

BILL SUMMARY

**Criminal Trespass
while Hunting
HF 566**

Status of Bill: House Floor

Committee: Public Safety (19-2)

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Currently, anyone knowingly trespassing on another's property commits a simple misdemeanor, which is punishable as a scheduled fine ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 depending on the number of committed violations.

HF 566 is authored by the Department of Public Safety and amends the current penalty to a maximum 30 day confinement and/or a fine ranging from \$65 to \$625. This bill also creates a separate scheduled penalty for individuals who knowingly trespass while hunting, fishing, or trapping. Any person who knowingly trespasses while hunting, fishing, or trapping would commit a simple misdemeanor with a \$200 fine for the first offense; \$500 fine for a second offense; and a \$1,000 fine for a third offense. Additionally, any individual who trespasses while hunting deer may also be subject to arrest and civil penalties under current law.

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