



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

# Handgun Deer Hunting HF 716

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**Status of Bill:** House Calendar

**Committee:** Natural Resources (21-0) Public Safety (12-9)

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## Summary

The bill mandates the Natural Resources Commission adopt firearm rules that are compliant with federal definitions established by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The bill alters the kinds of handguns legal for deer hunting. Handguns must be:

- Barrel length of at least 4 inches
- Fire straight wall or other centerfire ammunition
- Expanding-type bullet with a maximum diameter of no less than five hundred thousandths of one inch
- The published or calculated muzzle energy of five hundred foot pounds or higher

The bill strikes language prohibiting the use of a handgun with a shoulder stock or long barrel modification. The bill allows a person 20 years and younger to deer hunt with a handgun as long as they have permission from a parent, guardian, or spouse and are supervised by a hunter who is at least 21.

## Amendments

**H-1059 by Prichard:** The amendment mandates the person under the age of 21 must have completed a hunter's safety course. Children cannot receive a certificate of completion unless they are age 12 or above.

**H-1044 by Windschitl:** The amendment mandates the responsible adult, who has to be at least 21 years of age and have a valid hunting license, carry the handgun when it is not actively being used for hunting.

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