

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 538/Senate File 528	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> 2/28/2023	<b>21-0</b>
Committee:	Natural Resources	House Floor:		
Floor Manager:	Rep. M. Thompson	Senate Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> 4/24/2023	<b>49-0</b>
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### Physical Therapist Statement Concerning Hunters' Inability to Use Bows

**House File 538** and its identical Senate companion **Senate File 528** proposes to amend existing law concerning which medical professional (by adding physical therapists) may sign a statement concerning whether an individual is able to use a bow and arrow for hunting purposes which would enable such person to use a cross bow when bow and arrow hunting is allowed. Current law requires a person's physician to sign such statements.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1—Physical Therapist May Sign a Statement to Enables Cross Bows Use in Hunting

Amends section 481A.38, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2023, to that adds a 'physical therapist' as a medical professional who may attest that a person is incapable of using a bow and arrow to hunt in an application for permission to use a crossbow to hunt when bow and arrow hunting is allowed. Currently, law directs the Natural Resources Commission to devise rules concerning when a crossbow may be used for hunting and existing Code specifies that a persons' physician to sign a statement that the individual is unable to use a bow that is drawn.

### Amendment Analysis

No amendments filed.