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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for depredation plans to harvest antlerless deer
2 after the last established deer hunting season.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481C.2B UNFILLED ANTLERLESS DEER
1 2 HARVEST QUOTAS == COUNTY DEPREDATION PLANS.
1 3 1. Annually, after the last established deer hunting
1 4 season, the department shall determine in which counties the
1 5 resident and nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses
1 6 available for that county have either not been issued or a
1 7 deer has not been harvested pursuant to a license issued.
1 8 2. For each county in which the quota for the harvest of
1 9 antlerless deer in that county has not been met, the wild
1 10 animal depredation unit shall develop a depredation plan for
1 11 that county that provides for the harvest of antlerless deer
1 12 sufficient to satisfy that quota by the following April 1.
1 13 The wild animal depredation unit may seek the assistance of
1 14 interested parties, including hunters, landowners and tenants,
1 15 cities and counties, and master hunters as provided in section
1 16 481C.2A, in developing and implementing the depredation plan.
1 17 The depredation plan shall be developed and implemented at no
1 18 cost to a city or county.
1 19 3. Notwithstanding section 481C.2A, subsection 2, the
1 20 depredation plan shall provide for the issuance of deer
1 21 shooting permits to resident hunters who agree to harvest an
1 22 antlerless deer pursuant to a depredation plan developed under
1 23 subsection 2, as provided by the commission by rule.
1 24 a. Deer shooting permits issued pursuant to this section
1 25 are valid for use on public lands as provided in the
1 26 depredation plan and on private land on which the permittee
1 27 has obtained permission to hunt.
1 28 b. A person who obtains a deer shooting permit pursuant to
1 29 this section shall be otherwise qualified to hunt and have a
1 30 resident hunting license.
1 31 c. A person who harvests a deer with a deer shooting
1 32 permit issued pursuant to this section shall utilize the deer
1 33 harvest reporting system set forth in section 483A.8A and
1 34 shall not be subject to different disposal or reporting
1 35 requirements than are applicable to the harvest of deer
2 1 pursuant to other deer hunting licenses.

EXPLANATION

2 2 This bill requires the department of natural resources to
2 3 develop depredation plans to fill harvest quotas of antlerless
2 4 deer in each county that have not been met at the end of the
2 5 last established deer hunting season each year.
2 6 The bill requires the department to determine in which
2 7 counties the resident and nonresident antlerless deer hunting
2 8 licenses available for that county have either not been issued
2 9 or a deer has not been harvested pursuant to a license issued.
2 10 The wild animal depredation unit of the department is then
2 11 required to develop a depredation plan for those counties
2 12 where the harvest quota has not been met that provides for
2 13 harvesting the requisite number of antlerless deer by the
2 14 following April 1. The depredation unit may seek the
2 15 assistance of interested parties in developing and
2 16 implementing the plan, which shall be at no cost to a city or
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2 18 county.

2 19 The depredation plan shall provide for the issuance of deer
2 20 shooting permits to resident hunters who agree to harvest an
2 21 antlerless deer pursuant to such a depredation plan. Deer
2 22 shooting permits issued pursuant to this section are valid for
2 23 use on public lands as provided in the plan and on private
2 24 land on which the permit holder has obtained permission to
2 25 hunt. A person who obtains a deer shooting permit shall be
2 26 otherwise qualified to hunt and have a hunting license. A
2 27 person who harvests a deer with a deer shooting permit must
2 28 utilize the deer harvest reporting system set forth in Code
2 29 section 483A.8A and shall not be subject to different disposal
2 30 or reporting requirements than are applicable to the harvest
2 31 of deer pursuant to other deer hunting licenses.

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