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Natural Resource

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

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25 in farming operations and who host nonresident deer hunters.  
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30 is issued.

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# STATE OF IOWA

THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR  
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
JEFFREY R. VONK, DIRECTOR

To: General Assembly  
From: Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director *[Signature]*  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Date: December 31, 2001  
Re: Nonresident Deer Hunting License Numbers

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This bill request is to increase the number of nonresident deer hunting licenses and provide for the allocation of those licenses.

The purpose of this bill request is to increase the number of nonresident deer licenses to meet the growing demand of nonresident hunters. This bill also establishes an allocation of these additional licenses to resident bed & breakfast operators, hunting guides, and to farmers who host nonresident hunters, all equally important to helping Iowa's rural economy. The bill allows the Natural Resource Commission to establish the number of additional antlerless only licenses to be issued to nonresident landowners to satisfy demands from nonresident landowners for deer licenses, and eliminates some of the complexity and needless restrictions of the current law.

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