

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6)“a” and 483A.24(5)“g,” the Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 15, “General License Requirements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) currently issues special nonresident deer and turkey hunting licenses pursuant to 561—Chapter 12, “Special Nonresident Deer and Turkey Licenses.” The Department has proposed to amend 561—Chapter 12 (see **ARC 2132C**, IAB 9/2/15) to provide the opportunity for nonresident disabled members of the armed forces or veterans to buy hunting licenses in Iowa at resident prices pursuant to the program created in Iowa Code sections 483A.24(3) to 483A.24(5). Under that program, 25 of the 75 special nonresident deer tags, 25 of the 75 special nonresident turkey tags, and small-game hunting licenses are to be allocated to qualifying nonresident members of the armed forces or veterans who participate in hunts conducted by organizations that provide hunting experiences for the severely wounded. These nonresident tags and hunting licenses are to be sold at resident prices. Guidelines for the application process are outlined in the proposed amendments to 561—Chapter 12 in **ARC 2132C**.

The purpose of new rule 571—15.26(483A) is to provide the opportunity for the Commission to receive public input, review and approval of the proposed revisions to 561—Chapter 12. The statute divides the responsibility for implementing and developing license applications from the responsibility for rule making. The Department proposes to consolidate the program requirements in 561—Chapter 12 while maintaining Commission oversight.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before December 29, 2015. Written comments may be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Licensing Section Supervisor, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; by e-mail at Alex.Cross@dnr.iowa.gov; or by fax at (515)725-8201. Persons who wish to convey their comments orally may contact the Licensing Section at (515)725-8255 or by visiting the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building during regular business hours.

There will be a public hearing on December 29, 2015, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor East Conference Room of the Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Participants will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department to request specific accommodations.

The proposed amendment will have no impact on jobs in the state.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 483A.24(3) to 483A.24(5).

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** rule 571—15.26(483A):

571—15.26(483A) Special nonresident deer and turkey licenses. The commission hereby authorizes the director to issue special nonresident deer and turkey licenses pursuant to the provisions of 561—Chapter 12.