

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6)“a” and 483A.24(5)“g,” the Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby amends 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 amended 561—Chapter 12 (ARC 2379C, IAB 2/3/16) 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). Specifically, 25 of the 75 special nonresident deer tags, 25 of the 75 special nonresident turkey tags, and small-game hunting licenses will 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. The application process and program parameters are outlined in 561—Chapter 12.

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 provisions in Chapter 12. The statute divides the responsibility for implementing and developing license applications from the responsibility for rule making. The Department and the Commission have mutually agreed to consolidate the program requirements in 561—Chapter 12.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 9, 2015, as ARC 2300C. A public hearing was held on December 29, 2015. No one attended the hearing, and no comments were received during the public comment period. Accordingly, no changes from the Notice have been made.

This 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).

This amendment shall become effective March 23, 2016.

The following amendment is adopted.

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.

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