

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 571—15.10(483A)
“General License Regulations”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 483A.1(1)
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 483A.1 and 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate Files 654 and 2471

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 22, 2026
1 to 2 p.m.

6200 Park Avenue, Second Floor
Des Moines, Iowa

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Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Chapter 15 governs hunting, fishing, and trapping license sales, fees, general administration, and a framework for license revocation and suspension. This proposed rulemaking will align Chapter 15 with 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate Files 654 and 2471, which collectively change certain fur dealer fees. Specifically, all fur dealer license fees will be set at \$50, and the disabled veteran lifetime fur harvester licenses will be set at \$5.

Analysis of Impact

1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

The proposed changes are all reductions in license fees. Savings will be realized by disabled veteran fur harvesters and all fur dealers.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Disabled veteran fur harvesters and fur dealers will benefit.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

Disabled veteran fur harvesters and fur dealers will pay less for licenses.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

There is no qualitative impact beyond what is required by the newly amended Iowa Code.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

None. These changes will result in a minimal loss of revenue but no increase in costs for the Department.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

The proposed rulemaking will minimally reduce revenues to the Department. Both license types are in relatively low demand.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

Both the costs and benefits of the proposed changes will be minimal.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Not applicable. The new fees are required by State law.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable. The new fees are required by State law.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable. The new fees are required by State law.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rulemaking will have a small impact on fur dealer businesses by reducing the cost of their licenses to buy furs in the State.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **15.10(1)“aa”** as follows:

aa. Fur harvester license, lifetime, disabled veteran — ~~\$59.50~~ \$5.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **15.10(1)“bb”** as follows:

bb. Fur dealer license, annual — ~~\$277~~ \$50.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **15.10(2)“y”** as follows:

y. Fur dealer license, annual — ~~\$615.75~~ \$50.

ITEM 4. Rescind and reserve paragraph **15.10(2)“z”**.