

CHAPTER 55

DEER HUNTING — LANDOWNER DEPREDAATION PERMITS AND YOUTH HUNTING LICENSES

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AN ACT relating to deer hunting, including deer depredation and the purchasing of a youth deer hunting license and tag.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 481C.2, subsection 2](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department shall issue depredation permits and deer shooting permits to any landowner who incurs crop, horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage of one thousand dollars or more due to wild animals.

Sec. 2. [Section 483A.8, subsection 7](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

7. The department shall make youth deer hunting licenses available for purchase during the same time period that general deer hunting licenses are available for purchase, including through all established deer hunting seasons. A person who is issued a youth deer hunting license may use the deer hunting license and tag during the season for which the license was issued or in any subsequent established deer hunting season using ~~the~~ a method of take authorized ~~by rule for each that season being hunted~~. If the tag is filled during one of the seasons, the license will not be valid in subsequent seasons.

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