

## **483A.24A Harvested deer.**

1. *Intent.* It is the intent of the general assembly in enacting this section, to express its concern to the natural resource commission about the burgeoning deer population in this state, by requiring the natural resource commission to make additional antlerless deer hunting licenses available to encourage hunters in this state to assist the commission in bringing the state's deer population under control.

2. *Definitions.* As used in this section:

a. "*Department of corrections*" means the Iowa department of corrections.

b. "*Establishment*" means an establishment as defined in section 189A.2 where animals or poultry are prepared for food purposes or where wild deer may be processed or dressed for human consumption.

c. "*Public institution*" means a state institution listed under section 904.102, that is administered by the department of corrections.

3. The natural resource commission shall provide by rule for the distribution of antlerless deer hunting licenses annually to resident hunters and to applicants qualified under section 483A.24. The licenses shall be in addition to deer hunting licenses otherwise allocated in this chapter to resident hunters and applicants qualified under section 483A.24 and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive license issued pursuant to section 481A.38. Pursuant to this section, the department shall make available for issuance at least an additional eighteen thousand antlerless deer hunting licenses for resident hunters for 20032004 antlerless deer hunting seasons than were available for the 20022003 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

4. A resident hunter or an applicant qualified under section 483A.24, who receives an antlerless deer hunting license under this section, may deliver the deer harvested with the license to an establishment designated by the department of corrections for processing, packaging, and delivery to locations designated by the department of corrections. Each antlerless deer hunting license issued under this section shall be accompanied by a list of establishments that will accept deer harvested with the license.

5. Each resident hunter or applicant qualified under section 483A.24 shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state. A wildlife habitat fee shall not be required. The commission shall establish, by rules adopted pursuant to chapter 17A, the procedures for allocating the antlerless deer hunting licenses.

6. The department of corrections may, in cooperation with the commission, contract with one or more establishments to receive, process, package, and deliver the harvested deer meat to the public institutions in the manner specified by the department of corrections and at a cost to the department of corrections that is competitive with the cost of obtaining similar meat products in the private sector.

7. A person violating a provision of this section or a rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation as provided in section 483A.42.

2003 Acts, ch 85, §2; 2004 Acts, ch 1101, §68