

483A.8 Deer license and tag.

1. A resident hunting deer who is required to have a hunting license must have a resident hunting license in addition to the deer hunting license and must pay the wildlife habitat fee.
2. The deer hunting license shall be accompanied by a tag designed to be used only once. When a deer is taken, the deer shall be tagged and the tag shall be dated.
3. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a nonresident hunting license and a nonresident deer license and must pay the wildlife habitat fee. The commission shall annually limit to eight thousand five hundred licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to have deer hunting licenses. Of the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the licenses shall be bow season licenses and, after the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses have been issued, all additional licenses shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall allocate the nonresident deer hunting licenses issued among the zones based on the populations of deer. However, a nonresident applicant may request one or more hunting zones, in order of preference, in which the applicant wishes to hunt. If the request cannot be fulfilled, the applicable fees shall be returned to the applicant. A nonresident applying for a deer hunting license must exhibit proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety and ethics education program as provided in section 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by the department before the license is issued.
4. The commission may provide, by rule, for the issuance of an additional antlerless deer license to a person who has been issued an antlerless deer license. The rules shall specify the number of additional antlerless deer licenses which may be issued, and the season and zone in which the license is valid. The fee for an additional antlerless deer license shall be ten dollars for residents.
5. A nonresident owning land in this state may apply for one of the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses not limited to antlerless deer, and the provisions of subsection 3 shall apply. However, if a nonresident owning land in this state is unsuccessful in obtaining one of the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses, the landowner shall be given preference for one of the two thousand five hundred antlerless only nonresident deer licenses. A nonresident owning land in this state shall pay the fee for a nonresident antlerless only deer license and the license shall be valid to hunt on the nonresident's land only. A nonresident owning land in this state is eligible for only one nonresident deer license annually. If one or more parcels of land have multiple nonresident owners, only one of the nonresident owners is eligible for a nonresident antlerless only deer license. If a nonresident jointly owns land in this state with a resident, the nonresident shall not be given preference for a nonresident antlerless only deer license. The department may require proof of land ownership from a nonresident landowner applying for a nonresident antlerless only deer license.
6. The commission shall provide by rule for the issuance to a nonresident of a nonresident antlerless deer hunting license that is valid for use only during the period beginning on December 24, 2003, and ending at sunset on January 2, 2004, and costs fifty dollars. A nonresident hunting deer with a license issued under this subsection shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and shall have a nonresident hunting license and pay the wildlife habitat fee. Pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall make available for issuance only the remaining nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the 20032004 antlerless deer hunting seasons.

[C79, 81, § 110.8]

86 Acts, ch 1240, § 4; 89 Acts, ch 237, §3; 90 Acts, ch 1003, §2

C93, § 483A.8

94 Acts, ch 1111, §2; 98 Acts, ch 1199, §10, 27; 98 Acts, ch 1203, §57; 98 Acts, ch 1223, §2830; 2001 Acts,

ch 134, §5; 2001 Acts, ch 148, §6, 7, 9; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §64; 2003 Acts, ch 85, §1

Footnotes

For applicable scheduled fines, see §805.8B, subsection 3,
paragraph c