

483A.7 Wild turkey hunting license and tag.

1. A resident hunting wild turkey who is required to have a license must purchase a resident hunting license that includes the wildlife habitat fee in addition to the wild turkey hunting license. Upon application and payment of the required fees for archery-only licenses, a resident archer shall be issued two wild turkey licenses for the spring season.

2. The wild turkey hunting license shall be accompanied by a tag designed to be used only once. If a wild turkey is taken, the wild turkey shall be tagged and the tag shall be dated.

3. *a.* A nonresident wild turkey hunter is required to purchase a nonresident hunting license that includes the wildlife habitat fee and a nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The commission shall annually limit to two thousand three hundred licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to have wild turkey hunting licenses. Of the two thousand three hundred licenses, one hundred fifty licenses shall be valid for hunting with muzzle loading shotguns only. The commission shall allocate the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses issued among the zones based on the populations of wild turkey. A nonresident applying for a wild turkey hunting license must exhibit proof of having successfully completed a hunter education program as provided in [section 483A.27](#) or its equivalent as determined by the department before the license is issued.

b. The commission shall assign one preference point to a nonresident whose application for a nonresident wild turkey hunting license is denied due to limitations on the number of nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses available for issuance that year. An additional preference point shall be assigned to that person each subsequent year the person's license application is denied for that reason. A nonresident may purchase additional preference points pursuant to rules adopted pursuant to [section 483A.1](#). The first nonresident wild turkey hunting license drawing each year shall be made from the pool of applicants with the most preference points and continue to pools of applicants with successively fewer preference points until all available nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses have been issued. If a nonresident applicant receives a wild turkey hunting license, all of the applicant's assigned preference points at that time shall be removed.

4. A person who is issued a youth spring wild turkey hunting license and does not take a wild turkey during the youth spring wild turkey hunting season may use the wild turkey hunting license and unused tag during any other wild turkey hunting season that is established by the commission.

5. The commission shall authorize a person hunting wild turkey with a license that authorizes the use of a shotgun to use a caliber .410 shotgun or a 28-gauge shotgun. A caliber .410 shotgun or a 28-gauge shotgun used for hunting wild turkey shall only shoot shot not smaller than shot size number 10.

[86 Acts, ch 1240, §3](#)

[C87, §110.7](#)

[89 Acts, ch 237, §2; 90 Acts, ch 1003, §1](#)

[C93, §483A.7](#)

[94 Acts, ch 1111, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1199, §9, 27; 98 Acts, ch 1223, §30; 2001 Acts, ch 134, §4; 2001 Acts, ch 148, §5, 9; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §63; 2009 Acts, ch 144, §37; 2009 Acts, ch 179, §147; 2012 Acts, ch 1096, §8, 9, 23; 2014 Acts, ch 1015, §1, 2; 2015 Acts, ch 26, §1; 2018 Acts, ch 1159, §16, 28; 2022 Acts, ch 1093, §1; 2023 Acts, ch 66, §118](#)

Referred to in [§483A.24, 805.8B\(3\)\(c\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fine, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph c

Special licenses, see [§483A.24](#)