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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2076
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the taking of deer by landowners.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Upon written application, the department shall
4 issue without charge annually a deer-or wild turkey hunting
5 license-or-both, to the owner of a farm unit or a member of
6 the family of the farm owner and to the tenant or a member of
7 the family of the tenant. The license is valid for wild
8 turkey hunting on the farm unit only.

9 b. Upon written application, the department shall also
10 issue annually five deer hunting licenses to an owner of a
11 farm unit or to a member of the owner's family at the owner's
12 written request. If fewer than five deer licenses are
13 requested by an owner or if an owner releases a license, upon
14 written application, a tenant or a member of the tenant's
15 family of that farm unit shall be issued a deer license
16 without charge. Not more than five deer hunting licenses
17 shall be issued for each farm unit and the licenses shall be
18 valid for deer hunting on that farm unit only. More than one
19 deer license may be issued to the same owner or a member of
20 the owner's family.

21 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsection 3, Code 1995, is
22 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
23 thereof the following:

24 3. To be eligible for a deer or wild turkey license
25 without charge pursuant to this section, an owner or a tenant
26 of a farm unit shall be a resident of this state and actively
27 engaged in the operation of the farm unit. A family member
28 shall reside with the owner or tenant of a farm unit.

29 Sec. 3. Section 483A.24, subsection 4, Code 1995, is
30 amended by striking the subsection.

31 Sec. 4. Section 483A.24, subsection 7, Code 1995, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 7. As used in this section a "farm unit" is all the
34 parcels of land, not necessarily contiguous, which are
35 operated as a unit for agricultural purposes and which are

1 under the lawful control of the landowner or tenant, and a
2 "tenant" is a person, other than the landowner, who resides on
3 the farm unit and is actively engaged in the operation of the
4 farm unit.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill provides that the department of natural resources
7 shall issue without charge five free deer hunting licenses to
8 the owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family
9 residing with the owner at the owner's request. More than one
10 deer license may be issued to the same owner or member of the
11 owner's family. If the owner or the owner's family does not
12 request all five licenses or if the owner releases one of the
13 deer licenses, the tenant or a member of the tenant's family
14 shall be issued one of the deer licenses without charge.

15 The owner or tenant of a farm unit must be a resident in
16 this state and be actively engaged in operation of the farm
17 unit to be eligible for the wild turkey and deer licenses
18 without charge.

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