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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of deer hunting licenses to  
2 landowners and their immediate family.  
3 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 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the following:

4 2. a. Upon written application, the department shall  
5 issue annually a deer hunting license to the following  
6 persons:

7 (1) An owner of a farm unit.

8 (2) Each member of the owner's immediate family residing  
9 with the owner.

10 (3) A tenant of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's  
11 immediate family residing with the tenant.

12 b. Upon written application, the department shall issue  
13 annually a wild turkey hunting license to the following  
14 persons:

15 (1) An owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's  
16 immediate family residing with the owner.

17 (2) A tenant of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's  
18 immediate family residing with the tenant.

19 c. The deer or wild turkey hunting license is valid only  
20 for hunting on the farm unit upon which the owner or tenant or  
21 both are actively engaged in its operation. Licensees under  
22 this subsection must be residents of this state.

23 d. The application required for the deer or wild turkey  
24 hunting license shall be made on forms furnished by the  
25 commission. The license shall be issued without fee. An  
26 applicant may apply and receive the deer or wild turkey  
27 hunting license through the county recorder or other  
28 designated county officer until the opening day of hunting  
29 season for the applicable game.

30 e. Deer and wild turkey hunting licenses issued under this  
31 subsection are subject to all other provisions of the laws and  
32 rules pertaining to the taking of deer and wild turkey. The  
33 deer license and turkey license shall be the equivalent of the  
34 least restrictive license issued under section 481A.38.

35 f. As used in this subsection:

1 (1) "Farm unit" means all of the parcels of land, not  
2 necessarily contiguous, which are operated as a unit for  
3 agricultural purposes and which are under the lawful control  
4 of a landowner or tenant. A landowner or tenant may designate  
5 parcels of agricultural land of not less than one hundred  
6 acres as a separate farm unit.

7 (2) "Immediate family" means a spouse, son, daughter,  
8 stepson, or stepdaughter.

9 (3) "Tenant" means a person, other than the landowner, who  
10 is actively engaged in the operation of a farm unit.

11 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7,  
12 Code 1995, are amended by striking the subsections.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill strikes and rewrites those provisions of section  
15 483A.24 which provide for the issuance of deer and wild turkey  
16 hunting licenses without fee to farm unit owners and tenants.

17 This bill requires the issuance of a deer hunting license  
18 to each farm owner and each member of the farm owner's  
19 immediate family. If there is a tenant actively engaged in  
20 the operation of a farm unit, the tenant or a member of the  
21 tenant's immediate family is eligible for a deer hunting  
22 license. Current law provides for a deer hunting license to  
23 be issued annually to the landowner or a member of the  
24 landowner's family, not a license for each of them.

25 The bill also allows each landowner or the landowner's  
26 immediate family and a tenant or the tenant's immediate family  
27 one wild turkey hunting license annually. This provision is  
28 the same as current law.

29 The bill also defines farm unit and allows a landowner or  
30 tenant to designate parcels of agricultural land having at  
31 least 100 acres to be a separate farm unit. Immediate family  
32 is also defined to include a spouse, son, daughter, stepson,  
33 and stepdaughter.

34 A landowner or tenant of a farm unit must reside in this  
35 state, but not on the farm unit, to be eligible for the free

1 licenses. A member of the owner's immediate family or the  
2 tenant's immediate family must reside with the owner or tenant  
3 to be eligible for the free licenses.

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