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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 238
BY HEATON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to free deer hunting licenses issued to owners
2 and tenants of farm units, or members of their families.
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 1997, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. If the commission establishes an
4 additional deer hunting season to reduce the deer population
5 in one or more deer hunting zones, the department shall issue,
6 upon application, to the owner of a farm unit or to a member
7 of the owner's family, but not to both, and to the tenant or
8 to a member of the tenant's family, but not to both, a free
9 antlerless deer hunting license for each two hundred acres of
10 land within the farm unit. A free antlerless deer hunting
11 license is valid only for the farm unit for which the license
12 is issued. This paragraph is in addition to any free deer
13 hunting license issued under paragraph "b" and shall be
14 equivalent to the least restrictive license issued under
15 section 481A.38, except that the deer hunting license issued
16 under this paragraph is for antlerless deer only.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides that the owner and the tenant of a farm
19 unit may each receive an additional free deer hunting license
20 if the natural resource commission establishes an additional
21 deer hunting season in a deer hunting zone for deer population
22 control. The license is for antlerless deer only. The
23 licenses are issued for each 200-acre increment in a farm
24 unit. If an owner or a tenant does not apply for the license,
25 a member of each of their respective families is entitled to
26 receive a license. The deer hunting license is equivalent to
27 the least restrictive license issued except that the license
28 is limited to antlerless deer.

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