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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the hunting area for persons with free deer
2 and wild turkey hunting licenses.

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, paragraph b,
2 Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Upon written application on forms furnished by the
4 department, the department shall issue annually without fee
5 one deer or one wild turkey license, or both, to the owner of
6 a farm unit or to a member of the owner's family, but not to
7 both, and to the tenant or to a member of the tenant's family,
8 but not to both. The deer hunting license or wild turkey
9 hunting license issued shall be valid only on in the county in
10 which the farm unit for-which-an of the applicant qualifies
11 pursuant-to-this-subsection is located and in any adjoining
12 county, and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive
13 license issued under section 481A.38. The owner or the tenant
14 need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for a free license
15 to hunt on-that in the county in which the farm unit is
16 located and in any adjoining county. A free deer hunting
17 license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid
18 during all shotgun regular gun deer seasons.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that the free deer hunting license and
21 free wild turkey hunting license issued to an owner, tenant,
22 or a family member are valid for hunting within the county in
23 which the farm unit is located and in any adjoining county.

24 The bill also changes a reference to a shotgun deer season
25 to a regular gun deer season which would allow these persons
26 to hunt with shotguns and muzzle loaders.

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