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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of deer and wild turkey hunting
2 licenses to a nonresident owning a farm unit in this state.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.7, subsection 3, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A nonresident wild turkey hunter is required to have
4 only a nonresident wild turkey hunting license and pay the
5 wildlife habitat fee. The commission shall annually limit to
6 two thousand licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to
7 have wild turkey hunting licenses. However, a wild turkey
8 hunting license issued to a nonresident who owns a farm unit
9 shall not be included in the annual wild turkey license
10 limitation. The number of nonresident wild turkey hunting
11 licenses shall be determined as provided in section 481A.38.
12 The commission shall allocate the nonresident wild turkey
13 hunting licenses issued among the zones based on the
14 populations of wild turkey. A nonresident applying for a wild
15 turkey hunting license must exhibit proof of having
16 successfully completed a hunter safety and ethics education
17 program as provided in section 483A.27 or its equivalent as
18 determined by the department before the license is issued.
19 Sec. 2. Section 483A.7, Code 1999, is amended by adding
20 the following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. As used in this section, "farm unit"
22 means all parcels of land, not necessarily contiguous, which
23 are operated as a unit for agricultural purposes and which are
24 under the control of the nonresident owner.

25 Sec. 3. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 1999, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 3. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a
28 nonresident deer license and must pay the wildlife habitat
29 fee. The commission shall annually limit to seven thousand
30 five hundred licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to
31 have deer hunting licenses. Of the first six thousand
32 nonresident deer licenses issued, not more than thirty-five
33 percent of the licenses shall be bow season licenses and,
34 after the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses have
35 been issued, all additional licenses shall be issued for

1 antlerless deer only. However, a deer hunting license issued
 2 to a nonresident who owns a farm unit shall not be included in
 3 the annual deer license limitations. The number of
 4 nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be determined as
 5 provided in section 481A.38. The commission shall allocate
 6 the nonresident deer hunting licenses issued among the zones
 7 based on the populations of deer. However, a nonresident
 8 applicant may request one or more hunting zones, in order of
 9 preference, in which the applicant wishes to hunt. If the
 10 request cannot be fulfilled, the applicable fees shall be
 11 returned to the applicant. A nonresident applying for a deer
 12 hunting license must exhibit proof of having successfully
 13 completed a hunter safety and ethics education program as
 14 provided in section 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by
 15 the department before the license is issued.

16 | Sec. 4. Section 483A.8, Code 1999, is amended by adding
 17 the following new subsection:

18 | NEW SUBSECTION. 5. As used in this section, "farm unit"
 19 means all parcels of land, not necessarily contiguous, which
 20 are operated as a unit for agricultural purposes and which are
 21 under the control of the nonresident owner.

22 | EXPLANATION

23 | This bill provides that deer and wild turkey hunting
 24 licenses issued to a nonresident hunter who owns a farm unit
 25 in this state shall not be included in the annual license
 26 limitations for nonresident deer and wild turkey licenses.
 27 Farm unit is defined to mean all parcels of land, not
 28 necessarily contiguous, which are operated as a unit for
 29 agricultural purposes and which are under the lawful control
 30 of the nonresident owner. Currently, the department of
 31 natural resources shall not issue more than 2,000 wild turkey
 32 hunting licenses to nonresidents and not more than 7,500 deer
 33 hunting licenses to nonresidents.

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