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NATURAL RESOURCES

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of a limited number of deer or
2 wild turkey hunting licenses.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 turkey on hunting preserves.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LARRY J. WILSON, DIRECTOR

To: Iowa General Assembly

From: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Date: January 12, 1999

Subject: Proposed Department Legislation - Deer & Turkey Hunting License Issuance

Attached is a departmental proposed bill to amend Iowa Code section 481A.38(2) to repeal the requirement that the department conduct a drawing for the distribution of deer and wild turkey hunting licenses when the number of hunters licensed must be limited.

The existing requirement to hold a drawing to determine which applicants receive licenses alleviates many of the benefits to hunters and the department that are expected from the sale of licenses by electronic means. If a drawing must be held, an early application deadline would need to be set, applicants compiled, the drawing conducted, licenses mailed to successful applicants, and license fee money returned to unsuccessful applicants. By selling licenses electronically, the department desires to develop procedures that will allow hunters to immediately receive a license upon electronic application. This bill will allow the department to develop such procedures in administrative rules that will be developed based upon the capabilities of the electronic licensing system and provision of the best service to deer and wild turkey hunters based upon wildlife management goals.

This bill will also allow the department to more efficiently issue licenses for the special deer seasons that currently exist. Issuance of licenses through drawings are cumbersome for the special seasons.

Currently, license quotas for many seasons and zones exceed the number of applicants or quotas fill slowly. In these situations, the requirement to conduct a drawing unnecessarily delays issuance of licenses to hunters.

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 202)

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HF 649

1 Section 1. Section 481A.38, subsection 2, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. If the commission finds that the number of hunters
4 licensed or the type of license issued to take deer or wild
5 turkey should be limited or further regulated, the commission
6 shall ~~conduct a drawing to determine which applicants shall~~
7 ~~receive a license and the type of license~~ adopt rules
8 governing the issuances of the licenses. ~~Applications for~~
9 ~~licenses shall be received during a period established by the~~
10 ~~commission. At the end of the period a drawing shall be~~
11 ~~conducted. The commission may establish rules to issue~~
12 ~~licenses after the established application period. If an~~
13 ~~applicant receives a deer license which is more restrictive~~
14 ~~than licenses issued to others for the same period and place,~~
15 ~~the applicant shall receive a certificate with the license~~
16 ~~entitling the applicant to priority in the drawing for the~~
17 ~~less restrictive deer licenses the following year. The~~
18 ~~certificate must accompany that person's application the~~
19 ~~following year, or the applicant will not receive this~~
20 ~~priority. Persons purchasing a deer license for the gun~~
21 ~~season under this section and under section 483A.1 are not~~
22 ~~eligible for a gun deer hunting license under section 483A.24,~~
23 ~~except as authorized by rules of the department. This~~
24 ~~subsection does not apply to the hunting of wild turkey on a~~
25 ~~hunting preserve licensed under chapter 484B.~~

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EXPLANATION

27 This bill eliminates the requirement for the department of
28 natural resources to conduct a drawing when the number of deer
29 or wild turkey licenses to be issued are limited. The bill
30 directs the natural resource commission to adopt
31 administrative rules to govern the issuance of the limited
32 number of hunting licenses.

33 The bill also removes a restriction on the eligibility to
34 purchase a gun deer license when licenses are limited if the
35 purchaser also receives a free deer license as a landowner or

1 tenant, and authorizes restrictions on the hunting of wild
2 turkey on hunting preserves.

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