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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of free hunting licenses for
2 antlerless deer, providing for the disposition of harvested
3 deer meat to public institutions, and providing a penalty and
4 for the Act's repeal.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, Code 1999, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. a. As used in this subsection:

4 (1) "Administrator" means a county sheriff,
5 superintendent, warden, or other chief executive officer of a
6 public institution in this state.

7 (2) "Food establishment" means a frozen food locker plant
8 as defined in section 172.1, or similar meat processing
9 facility where wild deer may be processed or dressed for human
10 consumption.

11 (3) "Public institution" means a county jail in this
12 state, a state institution listed under section 218.1,
13 subsections 1 through 8, or a state institution listed under
14 section 904.102, subsections 1 through 10.

15 b. The natural resource commission shall provide, by rule,
16 for the distribution of free antlerless deer hunting licenses
17 annually to the administrators of public institutions in the
18 state. The free licenses shall be in addition to hunting
19 licenses allocated for resident and nonresident hunters as
20 otherwise provided in this chapter and shall be equivalent to
21 the least restrictive license issued pursuant to section
22 481A.38. Upon written request of an administrator, the
23 department shall allocate not more than one hundred antlerless
24 deer hunting licenses to the administrator.

25 c. Each administrator receiving an allocation of free
26 licenses pursuant to this subsection shall issue the free
27 licenses to residents of this state who agree to deliver the
28 harvested deer to a designated food establishment. Each
29 resident accepting the free license shall be otherwise
30 qualified to hunt deer in this state. A wildlife habitat
31 stamp shall not be required. Each administrator shall
32 establish, by rule, the procedures for allocating the free
33 hunting licenses to resident hunters. The rules shall also
34 include procedures for advertising the availability of the
35 free hunting licenses and the conditions attached to the

1 receipt of the licenses. Unless the administrator is a county
2 sheriff, the rules shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 17A.

3 d. Each administrator receiving an allocation of free deer
4 hunting licenses pursuant to this subsection shall contract
5 with one or more food establishments to receive and process
6 the harvested deer. The deer meat shall be used as food for
7 the inmates or patients of the public institutions
8 participating in the antlerless deer hunting program
9 authorized in this subsection.

10 e. A person violating a provision of this subsection or a
11 rule adopted pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a simple
12 misdemeanor and subject to a fine as provided in section
13 483A.42.

14 Sec. 2. This Act is repealed effective July 1, 2004.

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EXPLANATION

16 This bill provides for the allocation of 100 free deer
17 hunting licenses for antlerless deer annually to each public
18 institution in this state upon request of the administrator of
19 the public institution. The natural resource commission shall
20 provide, by rule, for the procedures for distributing the deer
21 licenses to the administrators. The licenses shall be
22 equivalent to the least restrictive licenses issued by the
23 department under Code chapter 483A and shall be in addition to
24 licenses allocated to other resident and nonresident hunters.
25 A wildlife habitat stamp shall not be required. "Public
26 institution" is defined to include county jails, state
27 hospital-schools, mental health institutes, state training
28 schools, state juvenile homes, state penitentiaries, or
29 correctional facilities. "Administrator" is defined to mean a
30 county sheriff, director, superintendent, or chief executive
31 officer of a public institution.

32 The administrator of a public institution requesting the
33 free hunting licenses shall allocate the licenses without fee
34 to resident hunters who agree to deliver the harvested deer to
35 a food establishment or local slaughter facility. Each

1 administrator of a participating public institution shall
2 adopt rules, pursuant to Code chapter 17A unless the
3 administrator is a county sheriff, to advertise and distribute
4 the antlerless deer hunting licenses and to provide for the
5 processing of harvested meat at a food establishment for
6 consumption at the participating public institution. "Food
7 establishment" is defined to include a frozen food locker
8 plant, packinghouse or slaughterhouse where animals are
9 dressed for food.

10 A person violating a provision of the new subsection or a
11 rule adopted pursuant to the new subsection is guilty of a
12 simple misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of not less
13 than \$10 for each offense under Code section 483A.42. The
14 maximum fine is \$100 under Code section 903.1.

15 The bill is repealed effective July 1, 2004.

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