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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2049
BY STRUYK

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing certain senior residents to hunt deer during the
2 youth and severely disabled deer hunting season.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 483A.8A SENIOR DEER HUNTS.

2 A person who is a resident and who is seventy years of age
3 or older may be issued one special senior statewide any sex
4 deer hunting license to hunt deer during the youth and
5 severely disabled deer hunting season as established by rule
6 by the commission. A person who obtains a license to hunt
7 deer under this section is not required to pay the wildlife
8 habitat fee but shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in
9 this state and shall have a resident hunting license.

10 A person who obtains a license under this section may
11 obtain one additional statewide bow license and one additional
12 antlerless deer hunting license for use during the youth and
13 severely disabled deer hunting season. Season dates, shooting
14 hours, limits, license quotas, method of take, and other
15 regulations for this license shall be the same as set forth by
16 the commission by rule for the youth and severely disabled
17 deer hunts. A person who obtains a deer hunting license under
18 this section is not eligible to obtain a deer hunting license
19 under any other provision.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides that persons who are residents of Iowa
22 and who are 70 years of age or older may be issued one special
23 statewide any sex deer hunting license to hunt deer during a
24 senior deer hunt. The bill provides that a resident who
25 obtains such a license may hunt deer during the youth and
26 severely disabled deer hunting season which is established by
27 the natural resource commission by rule. A person who obtains
28 a statewide any sex deer hunting license under the new
29 provision may also obtain one additional statewide bow license
30 and one additional antlerless deer hunting license to hunt
31 deer during the youth and severely disabled deer hunting
32 season. A person who obtains a license under the provision is
33 not required to pay the wildlife habitat fee but must be
34 otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and must have a
35 resident hunting license.

1 The bill provides that season dates, shooting hours,
2 limits, license quotas, method of take, and other regulations
3 for this license are the same as those set forth by the
4 natural resource commission in rules for the youth and
5 severely disabled deer hunting season. Currently the youth
6 and severely disabled deer hunting season is the 16-day period
7 that ends on the first Sunday in October. An unlimited number
8 of licenses may be issued under the new provision. The daily
9 and season bag and possession limit is one deer per license.
10 Deer taken with a license under the provision can be taken
11 with shotgun, bow, or muzzleloaded rifles as permitted by
12 rules of the natural resource commission. Participants must
13 wear blaze orange apparel and comply with all other
14 regulations for obtaining licenses or hunting deer. Licenses
15 for the senior hunt may be obtained through the electronic
16 licensing system for Iowa (ELSI) beginning on August 15
17 through the last day of the youth and severely disabled deer
18 hunting season.

19 A person who obtains a deer hunting license under the new
20 provision is not eligible to obtain a deer hunting license
21 under any other provision.

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