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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to deer hunting, including the receipt of deer  
2 venison as a gift, providing for a special senior deer  
3 license, and providing penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.57, Code 2003, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 481A.57 POSSESSION AND STORAGE.

4 1. A person having lawful possession of game or fur-  
5 bearing animals or their pelts, except deer venison, may hold  
6 them for not to exceed thirty days after the close of the open  
7 season for such game or furbearers. A person having lawful  
8 possession of deer venison which is taken with a valid deer  
9 hunting license, may hold the deer venison from the date of  
10 taking until the following September 1. From September 1  
11 until the first day of the next deer open season for which the  
12 person holds a valid deer hunting license, the person shall  
13 not possess more than twenty-five pounds of deer venison. Any  
14 person may possess up to twenty-five pounds of deer venison if  
15 the deer was obtained from a lawful source. A permit to hold  
16 for a longer period may be granted by the department.

17 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may lawfully  
18 possess deer venison in any amount, if the person receives the  
19 deer venison as a gift and receives a gift receipt from a  
20 person who obtained lawful possession of the deer venison by  
21 taking a deer with a valid deer hunting license, and may hold  
22 the deer venison from the date of receipt until the following  
23 September 1. From September 1 until the first day of the next  
24 deer open season that corresponds to the season in which the  
25 deer was taken, the person shall not possess more than twenty-  
26 five pounds of the deer venison so received. A permit to hold  
27 deer venison received as a gift for a longer period may be  
28 granted by the department. The commission shall adopt rules  
29 setting forth what information shall be included in the gift  
30 receipt, including but not limited to the information  
31 contained on the deer tag that was used when the deer was  
32 taken.

33 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, Code Supplement 2003, is amended  
34 by adding the following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The commission shall provide by rule

1 for the issuance of a senior antlerless deer hunting license  
2 that is valid only during the period beginning on January 1  
3 and ending at sunset on January 31 to a person who is a  
4 resident and who is sixty-five years of age or older. The fee  
5 for the permit shall be ten dollars. A resident hunting deer  
6 with a license issued under this subsection shall be otherwise  
7 qualified to hunt deer in this state and shall have a resident  
8 hunting license and pay the wildlife habitat fee.

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## EXPLANATION

10 This bill amends Code section 481A.57 to provide that a  
11 person may lawfully possess deer venison in any amount, if the  
12 person receives the deer venison as a gift and receives a gift  
13 receipt from the person who obtained lawful possession of the  
14 deer venison by taking a deer with a valid hunting license,  
15 and may hold the deer venison from the date of receipt of the  
16 gift until the following September 1. From September 1 until  
17 the first day of the next deer open season that corresponds to  
18 the season in which the deer was taken, the person shall not  
19 possess more than 25 pounds of the deer venison so received.  
20 The bill also provides that a permit to hold venison received  
21 as a gift for a longer period may be granted by the  
22 department. The commission is directed to adopt rules setting  
23 forth what information shall be included in the gift receipt,  
24 including but not limited to the information contained on the  
25 deer tag that was used when the deer was taken. A violation  
26 of this provision is punishable by a scheduled fine of \$100  
27 pursuant to Code section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph "e".

28 The bill also directs the natural resource commission to  
29 provide by rule for the issuance of a senior antlerless deer  
30 hunting license to residents who are 65 years of age or older  
31 that is valid only during the month of January and costs \$10.  
32 A resident hunting deer with such a license is required to be  
33 otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and to have a  
34 resident hunting license and pay the wildlife habitat fee. A  
35 violation of this provision is punishable by a scheduled fine

1 of \$25 pursuant to Code section 805.8B, subsection 3,  
2 paragraph "c".

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