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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to deer hunting and providing penalties.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 2003, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a  
4 nonresident hunting license and a nonresident deer license and  
5 must pay the wildlife habitat fee. The commission shall  
6 annually limit to ~~eight~~ fifteen thousand ~~five-hundred~~ licenses  
7 the number of nonresidents allowed to have deer hunting  
8 licenses. Of the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses  
9 issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the licenses  
10 shall be bow season licenses and, after the first six thousand  
11 nonresident deer licenses have been issued, all additional  
12 licenses shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The  
13 commission shall allocate the nonresident deer hunting  
14 licenses issued among the zones based on the populations of  
15 deer. However, a nonresident applicant may request one or  
16 more hunting zones, in order of preference, in which the  
17 applicant wishes to hunt. If the request cannot be fulfilled,  
18 the applicable fees shall be returned to the applicant. A  
19 nonresident applying for a deer hunting license must exhibit  
20 proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety and  
21 ethics education program as provided in section 483A.27 or its  
22 equivalent as determined by the department before the license  
23 is issued.

24 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
25 the following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Notwithstanding subsection 2, the  
27 commission shall provide, by rule, for the issuance to an  
28 applicant of a deer hunting license accompanied by two tags  
29 for a regular gun season, each tag to be used only once, and  
30 one of the tags to be used only to take an antlerless deer.  
31 The rules shall specify the number of deer hunting licenses  
32 accompanied by two tags which may be issued and the season and  
33 zone in which each such license is valid.

34 Sec. 3. Section 483A.24, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
35 the following new subsection:

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

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

5 (2) "Establishment" means an establishment as defined in  
6 section 189A.2 where animals or poultry are prepared for food  
7 purposes or where wild deer may be processed or dressed for  
8 human consumption.

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

13 b. The natural resource commission shall provide, by rule,  
14 for the distribution of free antlerless deer hunting licenses  
15 annually to resident or nonresident hunters. The free  
16 licenses shall be in addition to hunting licenses allocated  
17 for resident and nonresident hunters as otherwise provided in  
18 this chapter and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive  
19 license issued pursuant to section 481A.38. The department  
20 shall allocate not more than two hundred free antlerless deer  
21 hunting licenses pursuant to this subsection.

22 c. The commission shall issue the free licenses to  
23 resident or nonresident hunters who agree to deliver the  
24 harvested deer to a designated food establishment. Each  
25 resident or nonresident hunter accepting the free license  
26 shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state. A  
27 wildlife habitat fee shall not be required. The commission  
28 shall establish, by rule, the procedures for allocating the  
29 free hunting licenses to resident or nonresident hunters. The  
30 rules shall also include procedures for selecting designated  
31 organizations, associations, and groups interested in the  
32 sport of deer hunting to assist the commission in allocating  
33 the licenses, and advertising the availability of the free  
34 hunting licenses and the conditions attached to the receipt of  
35 the licenses. The rules shall be adopted pursuant to chapter

1 17A.

2 d. The commission shall contract with one or more  
3 establishments to receive and process the harvested deer. The  
4 deer meat shall be used as food for the inmates or patients of  
5 the public institutions participating in the antlerless deer  
6 hunting program authorized in this subsection.

7 e. A person violating a providing of this subsection or a  
8 rule adopted pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a simple  
9 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation as provided in  
10 section 483A.42.

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EXPLANATION

12 This bill relates to deer hunting in the state. The bill  
13 authorizes the natural resource commission to adopt rules for  
14 the issuance to an applicant of deer hunting licenses with two  
15 tags for a regular gun season if one of the tags is valid only  
16 to take an antlerless deer. The rules shall specify the  
17 number of deer licenses with two tags which may be issued and  
18 the season and zone in which each license is valid.

19 The bill changes the number of nonresident deer hunting  
20 licenses which may be issued each year from 8,500 to 15,000.

21 The bill provides that the natural resource commission  
22 shall adopt rules allocating not more than 200 free antlerless  
23 deer hunting licenses to resident and nonresident deer hunters  
24 who agree to deliver the harvested deer to an establishment  
25 that prepares animals for food purposes or where wild deer may  
26 be processed or dressed for human consumption that is under  
27 contract with the commission to be processed for consumption  
28 at a participating public institution such as a county jail;  
29 state institutions including the Glenwood state resource  
30 center, the Woodward state resource center, mental health  
31 institutes in Cherokee, Clarinda, Independence, and Mount  
32 Pleasant, the state training school, and the Iowa juvenile  
33 home; and state correctional institutions.

34 The bill provides that the commission rules shall provide  
35 procedures for selecting designated organizations,

1 associations, and groups interested in the sport of deer  
2 hunting to assist the commission in allocating the free  
3 licenses. The bill also directs the commission to adopt rules  
4 establishing procedures for advertising the availability of  
5 the free licenses and the conditions attached to their use.

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