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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the issuance of deer hunting licenses to  
2 nonresident landowners and providing a fee and penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 622

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 5, Code 2003, is  
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu  
3 thereof the following:

4 5. a. Upon written application on forms furnished by the  
5 department, the department shall issue annually without fee  
6 one deer hunting license to a nonresident owner of a farm unit  
7 or to a member of the nonresident owner's family, but not to  
8 both. The deer hunting license issued shall be valid only on  
9 the farm unit for which an applicant qualifies pursuant to  
10 this subsection and shall be equivalent to the least  
11 restrictive license issued under section 481A.38. A free deer  
12 hunting license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be  
13 valid during all shotgun deer seasons. If one or more parcels  
14 of land have multiple nonresident owners, only one of the  
15 nonresident owners is eligible for the free nonresident deer  
16 hunting license. If a nonresident owner jointly owns land in  
17 this state with a resident, only one joint owner or member of  
18 a joint owner's family shall receive a free deer hunting  
19 license and preference shall be given to the resident owner or  
20 the resident owner's family member who applies for the  
21 license.

22 b. In addition to the free deer hunting license received,  
23 a nonresident owner of a farm unit or a member of the  
24 nonresident owner's family may purchase a deer hunting license  
25 through any option offered to paying nonresident deer hunting  
26 licensees. A nonresident owner of a farm unit or a member of  
27 the nonresident owner's family may also purchase two  
28 additional antlerless deer hunting licenses which are valid  
29 only on the farm unit owned for a fee of ten dollars each.

30 c. If the commission establishes a deer hunting season to  
31 occur in the first quarter of a calendar year that is separate  
32 from a deer hunting season that continues from the last  
33 quarter of the preceding calendar year, each nonresident owner  
34 of a farm unit located within a zone where a deer hunting  
35 season is established, upon application, shall be issued a

1 free deer hunting license for each of the two calendar  
2 quarters. Each license is valid only for hunting on the farm  
3 unit of the nonresident owner.

4 d. Deer hunting licenses issued to nonresidents who own  
5 farm units in this state or to members of nonresident owners'  
6 families pursuant to this subsection are exempt from the  
7 limitations and allocations specified in subsections 3 and 4.

8 e. As used in this subsection:

9 (1) "Family member" means a person who is not a resident  
10 of Iowa and who is the spouse or child of the nonresident  
11 owner and who resides with the nonresident owner.

12 (2) "Farm unit" means all parcels of land, not necessarily  
13 contiguous, which are operated as a unit for agricultural  
14 purposes and which are under the lawful control of the  
15 nonresident owner.

16 (3) "Nonresident owner" means an owner of a farm unit who  
17 is not a resident of Iowa.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that a nonresident who owns a farm unit  
20 in this state or a member of the nonresident's family who  
21 resides with the nonresident may apply annually for one free  
22 deer hunting license. The deer hunting license issued is  
23 valid only on the farm unit for which the applicant qualifies  
24 pursuant to this subsection and is equivalent to the least  
25 restrictive license issued under Code section 481A.38. A free  
26 deer hunting license issued pursuant to the bill is valid for  
27 all shotgun deer seasons. If one or more parcels of land have  
28 multiple nonresident owners, only one of the nonresident  
29 owners is eligible for the free deer hunting license. If a  
30 nonresident landowner jointly owns land in this state with a  
31 resident, only one joint owner or member of a joint owner's  
32 family shall receive a free deer hunting license and  
33 preference shall be given to the resident owner or the  
34 resident owner's family member who applies for the free  
35 license.

1 The bill provides that in addition to the free deer hunting  
2 license received, a nonresident owner of a farm unit or a  
3 member of the nonresident owner's family may purchase a deer  
4 hunting license by any option offered to paying nonresident  
5 deer hunting licensees. A nonresident owner of a farm unit or  
6 a member of the nonresident owner's family may also purchase  
7 two additional antlerless deer hunting licenses which are  
8 valid only on the farm unit owned for a fee of \$10 each.

9 The bill provides that if the commission establishes a deer  
10 hunting season to occur in the first quarter of a calendar  
11 year that is separate from a deer hunting season that  
12 continues from the last quarter of the preceding calendar  
13 year, each nonresident owner of a farm unit located within a  
14 zone where a deer hunting season is established, upon  
15 application, shall be issued a free deer hunting license for  
16 each of the two calendar quarters. Each license issued is  
17 valid only for hunting on the farm unit of the nonresident  
18 owner.

19 The bill provides that deer hunting licenses issued to  
20 nonresidents who own farm units in this state or to members of  
21 nonresident owners' families pursuant to the bill are exempt  
22 from the limitations and allocations that limit the number of  
23 nonresident deer hunting licenses to 8,500.

24 The bill also defines "nonresident owner" as an owner of a  
25 farm unit who is not a resident of Iowa and "family member" as  
26 a person who is not a resident of Iowa who is the spouse or  
27 child of the nonresident owner and who resides with the  
28 nonresident owner. The bill defines "farm unit" as all  
29 parcels of land, not necessarily contiguous, which are  
30 operated as a unit for agricultural purposes and which are  
31 under the lawful control of the nonresident owner.

32 A violation of this Code section is a scheduled violation,  
33 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$25.

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