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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special wild turkey and deer
2 hunting licenses to certain nonresident disabled veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, Code 2009, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. The commission shall issue up to
1 4 fifty special wild turkey hunting licenses and up to fifty
1 5 special any sex deer hunting licenses each year on a
1 6 first-come, first-served basis to nonresidents who have served
1 7 in the armed forces of the United States on active federal
1 8 service and who have a service-connected disability rating in
1 9 excess of forty percent, as certified by the United States
1 10 veterans administration. The licenses shall be issued as
1 11 follows:

1 12 a. The commission shall prepare an application to be used
1 13 by the person requesting the special license, which shall
1 14 require documentation that the person has the requisite
1 15 disability rating and is eligible for the special license.

1 16 b. The licenses provided pursuant to this subsection shall
1 17 be in addition to the number of nonresident wild turkey
1 18 hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.7 and
1 19 nonresident deer hunting licenses authorized pursuant to
1 20 section 483A.8.

1 21 c. The wild turkey hunting licenses are valid in all zones
1 22 open to wild turkey hunting and shall be available for
1 23 issuance and use during any wild turkey hunting season. The
1 24 deer hunting licenses are valid in all zones open to deer
1 25 hunting and shall be available for issuance and use during any
1 26 deer hunting season.

1 27 d. A nonresident veteran who receives a special license
1 28 pursuant to this subsection shall purchase a hunting license
1 29 and a wild turkey or any sex deer hunting license and pay the
1 30 wildlife habitat fee, all for the same fee that is charged to
1 31 a resident hunter. The person shall also pay a one dollar fee
1 32 that shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of deer
1 33 herd population management, including assisting with the cost
1 34 of processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program
1 35 administered by the commission.

2 1 e. A nonresident veteran who receives a special license
2 2 pursuant to this subsection is not required to complete the
2 3 hunter safety and ethics education course if the person is
2 4 accompanied and aided by a person who is at least eighteen
2 5 years of age. The accompanying person must be qualified to
2 6 hunt and have a hunting license. During the hunt, the
2 7 accompanying person must be within arm's reach of the
2 8 nonresident licensee.

2 9 f. The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
2 10 the administration of this subsection.

EXPLANATION

2 11
2 12 This bill requires the natural resource commission to issue
2 13 up to 50 special wild turkey hunting licenses and 50 special
2 14 any sex deer hunting licenses each year on a first-come,
2 15 first-served basis to nonresidents who have served in the
2 16 armed forces of the United States on active federal service
2 17 and who have a service-connected disability rating in excess
2 18 of 40 percent as certified by the United States veterans
2 19 administration. A person applying for the special license

2 20 must provide documentation that the person has the requisite
2 21 disability rating.

2 22 The special licenses issued are in addition to the number
2 23 of nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses authorized
2 24 pursuant to Code section 483A.7 and nonresident deer hunting
2 25 licenses authorized pursuant to Code section 483A.8. The
2 26 special licenses are valid in all zones open to wild turkey
2 27 and deer hunting and are available for issuance and use during
2 28 any wild turkey or deer hunting season.

2 29 A nonresident disabled veteran receiving a special license
2 30 under the bill who receives one of the special licenses must
2 31 purchase a hunting license and the applicable wild turkey or
2 32 deer hunting license, and pay the wildlife habitat and deer
2 33 herd population management fees, but only at the rate charged
2 34 to resident hunters.

2 35 The nonresident disabled veteran receiving a special
3 1 license under the bill is not required to complete the hunter
3 2 safety and ethics education course if the person is
3 3 accompanied and aided by a person who is at least 18 years of
3 4 age, is qualified to hunt, and has a hunting license. The
3 5 accompanying person must be within arm's reach of the
3 6 nonresident licensee during the hunt.

3 7 The natural resource commission is required to adopt rules
3 8 under Code chapter 17A for the administration of the new
3 9 license provision.

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