

House File 162 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting the use of crossbows to hunt deer and
2 providing penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. *a.* The commission shall adopt a
4 rule permitting a resident to use a crossbow for taking deer
5 during the same times that deer may be taken by muzzleloading
6 rifle or muzzleloading pistol. The commission shall prepare
7 an application to be used by a resident requesting a license
8 to hunt deer using a crossbow pursuant to this paragraph.
9 A person issued a license pursuant to this paragraph shall
10 be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this state and shall
11 purchase a hunting license that includes the wildlife
12 habitat fee and pay the one dollar fee that shall be used
13 and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd population
14 management, including assisting with the cost of processing
15 deer donated to the help us stop hunger program administered
16 by the commission.

17 *b.* A resident may obtain a license under this paragraph
18 in addition to a statewide antlered or any sex deer hunting
19 bow season license. With the exception of season dates,
20 the shooting hours, limits, license quotas, and any other
21 regulations for the license shall be the same as those set
22 forth by the commission by rule for bow season deer hunts.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill directs the natural resource commission to adopt
25 a rule permitting a resident to use a crossbow to hunt deer
26 during the same times that are allowed for hunting deer with a
27 muzzleloading rifle or pistol. The commission shall prepare
28 an application for a crossbow deer hunting license. A person
29 issued such a license must be otherwise qualified to hunt deer
30 in this state and purchase a hunting license that includes the
31 wildlife habitat fee and pay the one dollar fee that is used
32 for deer herd population management.

33 A resident may obtain a crossbow license in addition to
34 licenses that are available for hunting deer during regular
35 bow season. With the exception of season dates for crossbow

1 hunting, all other regulations pertaining to bow season deer
2 hunting are applicable to hunting deer with a crossbow.

3 Persons with disabilities (Code section 481A.38(1)(b)) and
4 residents who are 70 years of age and older (Code section
5 483A.8B) are currently allowed to use a crossbow to hunt deer
6 during bow season.

7 A violation of the provisions of the bill is punishable by a
8 scheduled fine of \$25.