

**House Study Bill 65 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain license requirements under the  
2 purview of the natural resource commission.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 6, Code 2013, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. a. A fishing license shall not be required of minor  
4 pupils of the state school for the blind, state school for  
5 the deaf, or of minor residents of other state institutions  
6 under the control of an administrator of a division of the  
7 department of human services. In addition, a person who is  
8 on active duty with the armed forces of the United States,  
9 on authorized leave from a duty station located outside of  
10 this state, and a resident of the state of Iowa shall not be  
11 required to have a license to hunt or fish in this state. The  
12 military person shall carry the person's leave papers and a  
13 copy of the person's current earnings statement showing a  
14 deduction for Iowa income taxes while hunting or fishing. In  
15 lieu of carrying the person's earnings statement, the military  
16 person may also claim residency if the person is registered to  
17 vote in this state. If a deer or wild turkey is taken, the  
18 military person shall immediately contact a state conservation  
19 officer to obtain an appropriate tag to transport the animal.  
20 A fishing license shall not be required of residents of county  
21 care facilities or any person who is receiving supplementary  
22 assistance under chapter 249.

23 b. A person who is on active duty with the armed forces  
24 of the United States and lives in this state, and who is a  
25 nonresident, may apply to purchase any hunting, fishing, or  
26 trapping license, or pay any fees, at the same price as a  
27 person who is a resident of Iowa. The commission shall, by  
28 rule, establish the requirements for issuance of a hunting,  
29 fishing, or trapping license, and for the payment of fees,  
30 pursuant to this paragraph and provide for an application to be  
31 used by an applicant requesting a license or paying a fee under  
32 this paragraph.

33 Sec. 2. Section 483A.27, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2013, are  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 1. a. A person born after January 1, 1972, shall not

1 obtain a hunting license unless the person has satisfactorily  
2 completed a hunter safety and ethics education course approved  
3 by the commission. A person who is eleven years of age or more  
4 may enroll in an approved hunter safety and ethics education  
5 course, but a person who is eleven years of age and who has  
6 successfully completed the course shall be issued a certificate  
7 of completion which becomes valid on the person's twelfth  
8 birthday. A certificate of completion from an approved hunter  
9 safety and ethics education course issued in this state, or a  
10 certificate issued by another state, country, or province for  
11 completion of a course that meets the standards adopted by the  
12 international hunter education association, is valid for the  
13 requirements of this section.

14 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", the requirement that  
15 a person must have a certificate of completion of a hunter  
16 safety and ethics education course in order to obtain a hunting  
17 license is waived for a person who is on active duty with the  
18 armed forces of the United States or for a person who served on  
19 active duty with the armed forces of the United States and was  
20 honorably discharged.

21 2. a. A certificate of completion shall not be issued  
22 to a person who has not satisfactorily completed a minimum  
23 of ten hours of training in an approved hunter safety and  
24 ethics education course. The department shall establish the  
25 curriculum for the first ten hours of an approved hunter  
26 safety and ethics education course offered in this state.  
27 Upon completion of the ten-hour curriculum, each person shall  
28 pass an individual oral test or a written test provided by  
29 the department. The department shall establish the criteria  
30 for successfully passing the tests. Based on the results of  
31 the test and demonstrated safe handling of a firearm, the  
32 instructor shall determine the persons who shall be issued a  
33 certificate of completion.

34 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a resident who is eighteen  
35 years of age or older may obtain a certificate of completion

1 without demonstrating the safe handling of a firearm.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill relates to certain license requirements under the  
4 purview of the natural resource commission.

5 Code section 483A.24(6) is amended to provide that certain  
6 minor pupils at state institutions, residents of county care  
7 facilities, and persons receiving supplementary assistance  
8 under Code chapter 249 do not need a license to fish in this  
9 state. In addition, a person who is on active duty with the  
10 armed forces of the United States and lives in this state,  
11 but is a nonresident, may purchase any hunting, fishing,  
12 or trapping license, or pay any fees, at the same price as  
13 a person who is a resident of Iowa. The natural resource  
14 commission shall, by rule, establish the requirements for  
15 licenses issued and fees paid pursuant to the bill and provide  
16 for an application to be used when requesting such a license or  
17 paying a fee.

18 Code section 483A.27 is amended to provide that a person who  
19 is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States,  
20 or who served on active duty with the armed forces of the  
21 United States and was honorably discharged, is not required to  
22 complete a hunter safety and ethics education course in order  
23 to obtain a hunting license. In addition, a resident who is 18  
24 years of age or older may obtain a certificate of completion  
25 of the course without demonstrating the safe handling of a  
26 firearm.