HOUSE FILE 2217
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of hunting licenses for farm
2 owners and tenants.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraphs b and c, Code 2018, are amended to read as follows:

b. Upon written application on forms furnished by the department, the department shall issue annually without fee one wild turkey license to the owner of a farm unit or to a member of the owner's family, but not to both, and to the tenant or to a member of the tenant's family, but not to both. The wild turkey hunting ~~license~~ licenses issued shall be valid only on the farm unit for which an applicant qualifies pursuant to this subsection and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive license issued under section 481A.38. The owner or the tenant need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for a free license to hunt on that farm unit. The free turkey hunting licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid and may be used during any bow or firearm turkey hunting season.

c. Upon written application on forms furnished by the department, the department shall issue annually without fee two deer hunting licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting license and one antlerless deer only deer hunting license, to the owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family, but only a total of two licenses for both, and to the tenant of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's family, but only a total of two licenses for both. The deer hunting licenses issued shall be valid only for use on the farm unit for which the applicant applies pursuant to this paragraph. The owner or the tenant need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for the free deer hunting licenses to hunt on that farm unit. The free deer hunting licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid and may be used during any ~~shotgun~~ bow or firearm deer hunting season. The licenses may be used to harvest deer in two different seasons. In addition, a person who receives a free deer hunting license pursuant to this paragraph shall pay a one dollar fee for each license that shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd population management, including assisting with the cost of processing

deer donated to the help us stop hunger program administered by the commission.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to the issuance of turkey and deer hunting licenses for farm owners and tenants. Current law does not specify when a farm owner, tenant, or family member of the farm owner or tenant may use a free turkey hunting license on the farm unit. The Code currently prevents a farm owner, tenant, or family member of the farm owner or tenant from using a deer hunting license issued without a fee from using the license in any season other than during any shotgun season.

The bill allows a farm owner, tenant, or family member of the farm owner or tenant to use the turkey or deer hunting licenses issued without fee during any bow or firearm season.