

House Study Bill 175 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BACON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing certain fees and reallocating certain
2 revenues related to hunting, fishing, and fur harvesting,
3 and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **483A.1 Licenses — fees.**

4 Except as otherwise provided in **this chapter**, a person
5 shall not fish, trap, hunt, pursue, catch, kill, take in any
6 manner, use, have possession of, sell, or transport all or a
7 part of any wild animal, bird, game, or fish, the protection
8 and regulation of which is desirable for the conservation of
9 resources of the state, without first obtaining a license for
10 that purpose and the payment of a fee as follows:

11 1. Residents:

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| 12 | a. Fishing license, annual | \$ 17.00 |
| 13 | | <u>25.00</u> |
| 14 | b. Fishing license, three-year | \$ 51.00 |
| 15 | | <u>75.00</u> |
| 16 | c. Fishing license, seven-day | \$ 11.50 |
| 17 | | <u>15.00</u> |
| 18 | d. Fishing license, one-day | \$ 7.50 |
| 19 | | <u>10.00</u> |
| 20 | e. Third line fishing permit, annual | \$ 10.00 |
| 21 | f. Fishing license, lifetime, sixty-five | |
| 22 | years or older | \$ 50.50 |
| 23 | | <u>75.00</u> |
| 24 | g. Paddlefish fishing license, | |
| 25 | annual | \$ 20.00 |
| 26 | h. Hunting license, annual, not including | |
| 27 | the wildlife habitat fee | \$ 17.00 |
| 28 | | <u>25.00</u> |
| 29 | i. Hunting license, annual, including the | |
| 30 | wildlife habitat fee | \$ 28.00 |
| 31 | | <u>40.00</u> |
| 32 | j. Hunting license, three-year, including | |
| 33 | the wildlife habitat fees | \$ 84.00 |
| 34 | | <u>120.00</u> |
| 35 | k. Hunting license, lifetime, sixty-five | |

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1	years or older	\$ 50.50
2		<u>75.00</u>
3	<i>l.</i> Combination hunting and fishing license,	
4	annual, including the wildlife habitat fee	\$ 45.00
5		<u>65.00</u>
6	<i>m.</i> Deer hunting license	\$ 25.50
7		<u>35.00</u>
8	<i>n.</i> Wild turkey hunting license	\$ 22.50
9		<u>28.00</u>
10	<i>o.</i> Fur harvester license, annual, not	
11	including the wildlife habitat fee, sixteen years	
12	or older	\$ 20.50
13		<u>32.00</u>
14	<i>p.</i> Fur harvester license, annual, including	
15	the wildlife habitat fee, sixteen years	
16	or older	\$ 31.50
17		<u>47.00</u>
18	<i>q.</i> Fur harvester license, annual, not	
19	including the wildlife habitat fee, under sixteen	
20	years of age	\$ 5.50
21	<i>r.</i> Fur harvester license, lifetime,	
22	sixty-five years or older.....	\$ 50.50
23		<u>75.00</u>
24	<i>s.</i> Fur dealer license	\$225.50
25		<u>275.00</u>
26	<i>t.</i> Aquaculture unit license	\$ 25.50
27		<u>30.00</u>
28	<i>u.</i> Retail bait dealer license	\$ 30.50
29		<u>40.00</u>
30	<i>v.</i> Trout fishing fee	\$ 10.50
31		<u>12.00</u>
32	<i>w.</i> Game breeder license	\$ 15.50
33		<u>25.00</u>
34	<i>x.</i> Taxidermy license	\$ 15.50
35		<u>25.00</u>

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1	<i>y.</i>	Falconry license	\$ 20.50
2			<u>25.00</u>
3	<i>z.</i>	Wildlife habitat fee	\$ 11.00
4			<u>15.00</u>
5	<i>aa.</i>	Migratory game bird fee	\$ 8.00
6			<u>10.00</u>
7	<i>ab.</i>	Wholesale bait dealer license	\$ 125.00
8			<u>175.00</u>
9	<i>ac.</i>	Boundary waters sport trotline	
10		license, annual	\$ 20.50
11			<u>25.00</u>
12	2.	Nonresidents:	
13	<i>a.</i>	Fishing license, annual	\$ 39.00
14			<u>50.00</u>
15	<i>b.</i>	Fishing license, seven-day	\$ 30.00
16			<u>40.00</u>
17	<i>c.</i>	Fishing license, three-day	\$ 15.50
18			<u>25.00</u>
19	<i>d.</i>	Fishing license, one-day	\$ 8.50
20			<u>15.00</u>
21	<i>e.</i>	Third line fishing permit, annual	\$ 10.00
22	<i>f.</i>	Paddlefish fishing license,	
23		annual	\$ 40.00
24	<i>g.</i>	Hunting license, annual, including the	
25		wildlife habitat fee, eighteen years of age or	
26		older	\$ 121.00
27			<u>145.00</u>
28	<i>h.</i>	Hunting license, annual, including the	
29		wildlife habitat fee, under eighteen years of	
30		age	\$ 41.00
31			<u>35.00</u>
32	<i>oi.</i>	<u>Hunting license, five-day, including</u>	
33		<u>the wildlife habitat fee, eighteen years of</u>	
34		<u>age or older</u>	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
35	<i>i.</i>	Deer hunting license, antlered or	

1	any sex deer	\$295.00
2		<u>325.00</u>
3	<i>j.</i> Preference point issued under	
4	section 483A.7, subsection 3,	
5	paragraph "b", or section 483A.8,	
6	subsection 3, paragraph "e"	\$ 50.00
7		<u>65.00</u>
8	<i>k.</i> Deer hunting license, antlerless	
9	deer only, required with the purchase	
10	of an antlered or any sex deer hunting	
11	license	\$125.00
12		<u>140.00</u>
13	<i>l.</i> Deer hunting license, antlerless	
14	deer only	\$225.00
15		<u>250.00</u>
16	<i>m.</i> Holiday deer hunting license	
17	issued under section 483A.8, subsection 6,	
18	antlerless deer only	\$ 75.00
19		<u>100.00</u>
20	<i>n.</i> Wild turkey hunting license	\$100.00
21		<u>110.00</u>
22	<i>o.</i> Fur harvester license, including the	
23	wildlife habitat fee	\$211.00
24		<u>265.00</u>
25	<i>p.</i> Fur dealer license, annual	\$501.00
26	<i>q.</i> Fur dealer license, one day,	
27	one location	\$250.00
28	<i>r.</i> Location permit for fur dealers.....	\$ 56.00
29		<u>75.00</u>
30	<i>s.</i> Aquaculture unit license	\$ 56.00
31		<u>75.00</u>
32	<i>t.</i> Retail bait dealer license	
33	or the amount for the same type of license	
34	in the nonresident's state, whichever	
35	is greater	\$125.00

1 each nonresident hunting or fur harvester license that includes
2 the wildlife habitat fee shall be designated as a wildlife
3 habitat fee.

4 *d.* All wildlife habitat fees shall be administered in
5 the same manner as hunting and fur harvester licenses except
6 all revenue derived from wildlife habitat fees shall be used
7 within the state of Iowa for habitat development and shall be
8 deposited in the state fish and game protection fund, except
9 as provided in [subsection 2](#). The revenue may be used for
10 the matching of federal funds. The revenues and any matched
11 federal funds shall be used for acquisition of land, leasing of
12 land, or obtaining of easements from willing sellers for use
13 as wildlife habitats. Notwithstanding the exemption provided
14 by [section 427.1](#), any land acquired with the revenues and
15 matched federal funds shall be subject to the full consolidated
16 levy of property taxes, which shall be paid from ~~those~~ the
17 income generated from those lands or, if no such income is
18 generated, from the wildlife habitat fee revenues. In addition
19 the revenue may be used for the development and enhancement of
20 wildlife lands and habitat areas.

21 Sec. 4. Section 483A.3, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 3. Notwithstanding [subsections 1 and 2](#), ~~any increase in~~
24 ~~wildlife habitat fee revenues received on or after July 1,~~
25 ~~2007, pursuant to [this section](#) as a result of wildlife habitat~~
26 ~~fee increases pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, ch. 194, five dollars~~
27 from each wildlife habitat fee paid by a resident and eight
28 dollars from each wildlife habitat fee paid by a nonresident
29 shall be used by the commission only for the purpose of the
30 game bird habitat development ~~program~~ programs as provided
31 in [section 483A.3B](#). ~~The commission shall not reduce on an~~
32 ~~annual basis for these purposes the amount of other funds being~~
33 ~~expended as of July 1, 2007.~~

34 Sec. 5. Section 483A.3B, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 1. *Allocation of revenue — accounts.* All revenue collected
2 from ~~increases in~~ wildlife habitat fees as provided in section
3 483A.3, subsection 3, that is deposited in the state fish and
4 game protection fund shall be allocated as follows:

5 a. ~~Two~~ Three dollars of each resident wildlife habitat
6 fee and five dollars of each nonresident wildlife habitat
7 fee collected shall be allocated to the game bird wetlands
8 conservation account.

9 b. ~~One-dollar~~ Two dollars of each resident wildlife habitat
10 fee and three dollars of each nonresident wildlife habitat fee
11 collected shall be allocated to the game bird buffer strip
12 assistance account.

13 c. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or
14 earnings on moneys collected from wildlife habitat fees that
15 are deposited in each account created under [this section](#) shall
16 be credited to that account. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#) or
17 [section 456A.17](#), moneys credited to each account created under
18 this section shall not revert to the state general fund at the
19 close of a fiscal year.

20 d. All revenue ~~generated by increases in the~~ collected
21 from wildlife habitat fee fees as provided in section 483A.3,
22 subsection 3, shall be used as provided in [this section](#), except
23 for that part which is specified by the department for use in
24 paying administrative expenses as provided in [section 456A.17](#).

25 **Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 483A.6B Nonresident five-day hunting**
26 **license — fee.**

27 1. A nonresident may be issued a five-day hunting license
28 that costs ninety-five dollars, including the wildlife habitat
29 fee. A nonresident hunting with a license issued under this
30 section shall be otherwise qualified to hunt in this state.

31 2. This section is repealed on December 15, 2020.

32 **Sec. 7. Section 483A.7, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code**
33 **2017, is amended to read as follows:**

34 a. A nonresident wild turkey hunter is required to purchase
35 a nonresident annual hunting license that includes the wildlife

1 habitat fee and a nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The
2 commission shall annually limit to two thousand three hundred
3 licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to have wild turkey
4 hunting licenses. Of the two thousand three hundred licenses,
5 one hundred fifty licenses shall be valid for hunting with
6 muzzle loading shotguns only. The commission shall allocate
7 the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses issued among the
8 zones based on the populations of wild turkey. A nonresident
9 applying for a wild turkey hunting license must exhibit proof
10 of having successfully completed a hunter education program as
11 provided in [section 483A.27](#) or its equivalent as determined by
12 the department before the license is issued.

13 Sec. 8. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
14 2017, is amended to read as follows:

15 a. A nonresident hunting deer is required to purchase
16 a nonresident annual hunting license that includes the
17 wildlife habitat fee and a nonresident deer hunting license.
18 In addition, a nonresident who purchases a deer hunting
19 license shall pay a one dollar fee that shall be used and
20 is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd population
21 management, including assisting with the cost of processing
22 deer donated to the help us stop hunger program administered
23 by the commission.

24 Sec. 9. Section 483A.8, subsection 4, Code 2017, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 4. The commission may provide, by rule, for the issuance
27 of an additional antlerless deer hunting license to a person
28 who has been issued an antlerless deer hunting license. The
29 rules shall specify the number of additional antlerless deer
30 hunting licenses which may be issued, and the season and zone
31 in which the license is valid. The fee for an additional
32 antlerless deer hunting license shall be ~~ten~~ seventeen dollars
33 for residents.

34 Sec. 10. Section 483A.8, subsection 6, Code 2017, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 6. The commission shall provide by rule for the annual
2 issuance to a nonresident of a nonresident antlerless deer
3 hunting license that is valid for use only during the period
4 beginning on December 24 and ending at sunset on January 2 of
5 the following year and costs ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred dollars.
6 A nonresident hunting deer with a license issued under this
7 subsection shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this
8 state and shall purchase a nonresident annual hunting license
9 that includes the wildlife habitat fee, and pay the one dollar
10 fee for the purpose of deer herd population management as
11 provided in [subsection 3](#). Pursuant to [this subsection](#), the
12 commission shall make available for issuance only the remaining
13 nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under
14 subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the current
15 year's nonresident antlerless deer hunting seasons.

16 Sec. 11. Section 483A.24, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
17 2017, is amended to read as follows:

18 a. Fifty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be
19 allocated as requested by a majority of a committee consisting
20 of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of the house
21 of representatives, and director of the economic development
22 authority, or their designees. The licenses provided pursuant
23 to [this subsection](#) shall be in addition to the number of
24 nonresident licenses authorized pursuant to [section 483A.8](#).
25 The purpose of the special nonresident licenses is to allow
26 state officials and local development groups to promote the
27 state and its natural resources to nonresident guests and
28 dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes, or any other form
29 of media resulting from the hunting visitation shall not
30 be used for political campaign purposes. The nonresident
31 licenses shall be issued without application upon purchase of a
32 nonresident annual hunting license that includes the wildlife
33 habitat fee and the purchase of a nonresident deer hunting
34 license. The licenses are valid in all zones open to deer
35 hunting. The hunter education certificate requirement pursuant

1 to [section 483A.27](#) is waived for a nonresident issued a license
2 pursuant to [this subsection](#).

3 Sec. 12. Section 483A.24, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
4 2017, is amended to read as follows:

5 a. Fifty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
6 shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a committee
7 consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of
8 the house of representatives, and director of the economic
9 development authority, or their designees. The licenses
10 provided pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be in addition
11 to the number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant
12 to [section 483A.7](#). The purpose of the special nonresident
13 licenses is to allow state officials and local development
14 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
15 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes,
16 or any other form of media resulting from the hunting
17 visitation shall not be used for political campaign purposes.
18 The nonresident licenses shall be issued without application
19 upon purchase of a nonresident annual hunting license that
20 includes the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase of a
21 nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The licenses are
22 valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter
23 education certificate requirement pursuant to [section 483A.27](#)
24 is waived for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this
25 subsection.

26 Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect December 15,
27 2017.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill increases certain fees and reallocates certain
32 revenues related to hunting, fishing, and fur harvesting.

33 The bill increases most fees for resident and nonresident
34 fishing, hunting, and fur harvester licenses. The bill
35 requires the department of natural resources to evaluate the

1 license fees at least every three years and report the results
2 of that evaluation to the natural resource commission by
3 December 15 of each year that an evaluation is made. The bill
4 also includes a new five-day nonresident adult hunting license,
5 including the wildlife habitat fee, that costs \$95 and is
6 available for issuance for three years. The bill provides that
7 a nonresident who purchases a hunting license in conjunction
8 with a deer or turkey hunting license must purchase an annual
9 hunting license.

10 The bill also increases the wildlife habitat fee for
11 residents and nonresidents from \$11 to \$15 for residents and
12 \$20 for nonresidents. The bill amends Code section 483A.3(1)
13 to provide that the income generated from land acquired with
14 revenues from wildlife habitat fees and matched federal funds
15 shall be used to pay property taxes on that land, and if no
16 income is generated, wildlife habitat fee revenue shall be used
17 to pay the taxes. Currently, the taxes are paid only with
18 wildlife habitat fee revenues.

19 The bill amends Code section 483A.3(3) to provide that
20 \$5 from each resident wildlife habitat fee paid and \$8 from
21 each nonresident wildlife habitat fee paid shall be used by
22 the natural resource commission only for the purpose of game
23 bird habitat development programs. Currently, the increase
24 in wildlife habitat fee revenues received as a result of an
25 increase in the resident and nonresident wildlife habitat fees
26 in 2007 from \$8 to \$11, can be used by the commission for the
27 purpose of those programs.

28 The bill amends Code section 483A.3B to provide that all
29 revenue collected from wildlife habitat fees, not just the
30 increase in fees since 2007, shall be allocated to game bird
31 habitat development programs.

32 The bill provides that \$3 of each resident wildlife habitat
33 fee and \$5 of each nonresident fee collected shall be allocated
34 to the game bird wetlands conservation account. Currently, \$2
35 of each resident and nonresident fee collected is allocated to

1 that account.

2 The bill also provides that \$2 of each resident fee and \$3 of
3 each nonresident fee collected shall be allocated to the game
4 bird buffer strip assistance account. Currently, \$1 of each
5 resident and nonresident fee collected is allocated to that
6 account.

7 The bill takes effect December 15, 2017.