

House Study Bill 163 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a crossbow as a legal method of take during the
2 late split archery season.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. The commission shall adopt a rule
4 permitting a resident to use a crossbow for taking deer during
5 the late split archery season that is designated for taking
6 deer by bow and arrow.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 Under current law, a crossbow is a legal method of take
11 when hunting deer during the late muzzleloader season, during
12 bow season if the hunter is over the age of 70, or by certain
13 individuals who are incapable of using a bow and arrow under
14 the conditions in which a bow and arrow is permitted, with
15 the applicable license depending on the situation. This bill
16 allows a person hunting with a bow license during the late
17 split archery season to use a crossbow.