

House Study Bill 669 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

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

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to nonresident deer hunting, creating a
2 special nonresident hunting license, and making penalties
3 applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) The commission shall annually limit to six thousand
4 the number of nonresidents allowed to have antlered or any
5 sex deer hunting licenses. Of the six thousand nonresident
6 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses issued, five hundred
7 of the licenses shall be reserved for nonresidents who have
8 made a reservation with a hunting guide company which company
9 is currently registered as a business entity with the secretary
10 of state and has maintained registration since prior to July
11 1, 2019. If fewer than five hundred nonresidents apply for
12 a reserved license by the application deadline set by the
13 commission by rule, any license not issued shall be made
14 available for purchase at the same time and in the same
15 manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex deer
16 hunting licenses. Not more than thirty-five percent of the
17 issued reserved licenses shall be bow season licenses. The
18 nonresident shall provide with the license application evidence
19 that the reservation is scheduled during a period in which the
20 license is valid. Of the ~~six thousand~~ remaining nonresident
21 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses issued, not more
22 than thirty-five percent of the licenses shall be bow season
23 licenses.

24 (2) Of the six thousand nonresident antlered or any sex deer
25 hunting licenses issued pursuant to subparagraph (1), three
26 thousand shall be allocated for issuance as part of the license
27 made available in section 483A.24, subsection 19. If fewer
28 than three thousand nonresidents apply for a license under
29 section 483A.24, subsection 19 by the application deadline set
30 by the commission by rule, any license not issued shall be
31 made available for purchase at the same time and in the same
32 manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex deer
33 hunting licenses. Of the licenses issued pursuant to this
34 subparagraph or issued as excess nonresident antlered or any
35 sex deer hunting licenses, not more than thirty-five percent of

1 the licenses shall be bow season licenses.

2 (3) A fee of six hundred fifty dollars shall be paid for
3 an antlered or any sex deer hunting license issued pursuant
4 to this paragraph that is not part of a nonresident hunting
5 license available under section 483A.24, subsection 19.

6 ~~(2)~~ (4) After the six thousand antlered or any sex
7 nonresident deer hunting licenses have been issued, all
8 additional licenses shall be issued for antlerless deer
9 only. The commission shall annually determine the number of
10 nonresident antlerless deer only deer hunting licenses that
11 will be available for issuance.

12 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 5. a. The commission shall make available one thousand
15 nonresident landowner antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses
16 for use on the nonresident's land. Such licenses are not
17 subject to the limits established in subsection 3, paragraph
18 "c". A fee of six hundred fifty dollars shall be paid for a
19 nonresident landowner antlered or any sex deer hunting license.

20 b. A nonresident owning land in this state may apply for
21 a nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting license, and
22 the provisions of subsection 3 shall apply or a nonresident
23 landowner antlered or any sex deer hunting license. However,
24 if a nonresident owning land in this state is unsuccessful
25 in obtaining one of the nonresident antlered or any sex deer
26 hunting licenses or one of the nonresident landowner antlered
27 or any sex deer hunting licenses, the landowner shall be given
28 preference for one of the antlerless deer only nonresident
29 deer hunting licenses available pursuant to subsection 3. A
30 nonresident owning land in this state shall pay the fee for
31 a nonresident antlerless only deer hunting license and the
32 license shall be valid to hunt on the nonresident's land only.
33 If one or more parcels of land have multiple nonresident
34 owners, only one of the nonresident owners is eligible for
35 a nonresident antlerless only deer hunting license. If a

1 nonresident jointly owns land in this state with a resident,
2 the nonresident shall not be given preference for a nonresident
3 antlerless only deer hunting license. The department may
4 require proof of land ownership from a nonresident landowner
5 applying for a nonresident antlerless only deer hunting
6 license. Not more than thirty-five percent of the antlered
7 or any sex deer hunting licenses issued under this subsection
8 shall be bow season licenses.

9 Sec. 3. Section 483A.24, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. The commission shall make available
12 to a nonresident a license authorizing the nonresident to
13 hunt for and take one antlered deer, one antlerless deer, one
14 turkey in the fall season, and one coyote. Additionally, the
15 license shall authorize the nonresident to hunt for pheasant
16 during the fall pheasant season and small game during all small
17 game seasons established by the commission. The commission
18 shall charge a fee of one thousand five hundred dollars upon
19 issuance of such license, except that a nonresident landowner
20 eligible to purchase a nonresident landowner antlered or any
21 sex deer hunting license pursuant to section 483A.8, subsection
22 5, may purchase that license as part of the license available
23 under this subsection and the total fee shall be one thousand
24 two hundred dollars. A nonresident landowner who purchases
25 a nonresident landowner deer hunting license as part of the
26 license available under this subsection shall hunt for antlered
27 deer only on the nonresident's land, but may hunt other game
28 as permitted by law. A license issued under this subsection
29 is subject to the limits for antlered deer established in
30 section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph "c", or section 483A.8,
31 subsection 5, and not more than thirty-five percent of the
32 licenses issued under this section shall allow for the hunting
33 of an antlered deer with a bow.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to nonresident deer hunting licenses
3 issued by the natural resource commission. Currently, the
4 commission issues up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting
5 licenses to nonresidents, which are allocated among zones based
6 on deer populations. Not more than 35 percent of the licenses
7 shall be bow season licenses.

8 The bill requires the commission to reserve 500 of the
9 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses for
10 nonresidents who have made a reservation with a hunting
11 guide company which company is currently registered as a
12 business entity with the secretary of state and has maintained
13 registration since prior to July 1, 2019. If fewer than 500
14 nonresidents apply for a reserved license by the application
15 deadline set by the commission, the excess reserved licenses
16 shall be available for purchase in the same manner as other
17 excess nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses.
18 A nonresident shall include with the license application
19 evidence that the reservation is scheduled for a time during
20 which the license is valid. Not more than 35 percent of the
21 issued reserved licenses and not more than 35 percent of the
22 remaining licenses shall be bow season licenses.

23 Additionally, the bill provides that 3,000 of the
24 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses shall
25 be allocated for issuance as part of a type of combination
26 license commonly referred to as a "grand slam license". The
27 combination license is available for purchase to a nonresident
28 for a fee of \$1,500 and allows the nonresident to hunt for and
29 take one antlered deer, one antlerless deer, one wild turkey
30 during the fall wild turkey hunting season, and one coyote.
31 Additionally, the license allows the nonresident to hunt for
32 pheasants during the fall pheasant season and for small game
33 during all small game seasons established by the natural
34 resource commission. Not more than 35 percent of such licenses
35 shall authorize an antlered deer to be taken with a bow.

1 The bill also allocates 1,000 nonresident landowner antlered
2 or any sex deer hunting licenses to eligible nonresidents who
3 own land in the state. The nonresident landowner antlered or
4 any sex deer hunting licenses are not included in the limits
5 established for nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting
6 licenses. The nonresident landowner antlered or any sex deer
7 hunting license shall be available for a fee of \$650. A
8 nonresident landowner may purchase a nonresident landowner
9 antlered or any sex deer hunting license as part of a grand
10 slam license for a total fee of \$1,200, but the nonresident may
11 only hunt for antlered deer on the nonresident's property when
12 using the grand slam license in such manner.
13 A person who violates a provision of this bill is subject to
14 a scheduled fine of \$25.