

Senate File 202 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 202
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 47)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to youth deer and youth wild turkey hunting
2 licenses, and providing effective date and applicability
3 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 483A.8D Youth deer and youth wild
2 turkey hunting licenses — cost — season length.

3 1. The cost for a youth deer hunting license shall be no
4 more than fifty percent of the cost of a resident deer hunting
5 license, as provided in rules adopted pursuant to section
6 483A.1. The cost for a youth wild turkey hunting license shall
7 be no more than fifty percent of the cost of a resident wild
8 turkey hunting license, as provided in rules adopted pursuant
9 to section 483A.1.

10 2. The department shall make available for purchase youth
11 deer hunting licenses and youth wild turkey hunting licenses
12 during the entire calendar year.

13 3. Youth wild turkey hunting season shall last for the nine
14 consecutive days, including two full weekends, immediately
15 prior to the first turkey season established by the department
16 by rule. The department may reduce the length of the youth
17 wild turkey hunting season only after it makes a report
18 available to the public on the department's internet site
19 stating the biological reason such a reduction is necessary and
20 only after it eliminates all other wild turkey hunting seasons.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following, being deemed of
22 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment:

23 The section of this Act enacting section 483A.8D, subsection
24 3.

25 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. The following applies on or after
26 the effective date of this Act to any youth turkey season
27 scheduled during the 2019 calendar year:

28 The section of this Act enacting section 483A.8D, subsection
29 3.

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EXPLANATION

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

33 The department of natural resources currently regulates
34 the cost and availability of youth deer and youth wild turkey
35 hunting licenses and the length of the youth wild turkey

1 hunting season by rule. This bill prohibits the department
2 from establishing a cost on a youth deer or youth wild turkey
3 hunting license that is higher than 50 percent of a resident
4 deer or resident wild turkey hunting license, respectively.
5 The bill also requires the department to sell youth deer and
6 youth wild turkey hunting licenses during the entire calendar
7 year. Last, the bill sets the season length for the youth wild
8 turkey hunting season at nine days. The department may shorten
9 the season only after it submits to the public a report in
10 which it explains the biological reason why reducing the length
11 of the season is necessary and only after it eliminates all
12 other wild turkey hunting seasons.

13 The section of the bill establishing the length of youth wild
14 turkey hunting season at nine days is effective upon enactment
15 and applies to any youth wild turkey hunting season scheduled
16 during the 2019 calendar year.