

Senate File 50 - Introduced

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BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to landowner wild turkey and deer hunting tags.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraphs b and
2 c, Code 2019, are amended to read as follows:

3 b. Upon written application on forms furnished by the
4 department, the department shall issue annually without fee one
5 wild turkey license to the owner of a farm unit or to a member
6 of the owner's family, but not to both, and to the tenant or
7 to a member of the tenant's family, but not to both. The wild
8 turkey hunting licenses issued shall be valid only on the
9 farm unit for which an applicant qualifies pursuant to this
10 subsection and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive
11 license issued under [section 481A.38](#). The owner or the tenant
12 need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for a free license
13 to hunt on that farm unit. The free turkey hunting licenses
14 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid and may be
15 used during any ~~bow or firearm~~ established turkey hunting
16 season using the method of take authorized by rule for each
17 season being hunted. If a tag is filled during one of the
18 seasons, the license will not be valid in subsequent seasons.

19 c. Upon written application on forms furnished by the
20 department, the department shall issue annually without fee two
21 deer hunting licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting
22 license and one antlerless deer only deer hunting license, to
23 the owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family,
24 but only a total of two licenses for both, and to the tenant
25 of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's family, but only
26 a total of two licenses for both. The deer hunting licenses
27 issued shall be valid only for use on the farm unit for which
28 the applicant applies pursuant to this paragraph. The owner
29 or the tenant need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for
30 the free deer hunting licenses to hunt on that farm unit. The
31 free deer hunting licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph
32 shall be valid and may be used during any ~~bow or firearm~~
33 established deer hunting season using the method of take
34 authorized by rule for each season being hunted. If a tag is
35 filled during one of the seasons, the license will not be valid

1 in subsequent seasons. The licenses may be used to harvest
2 deer in two different seasons. In addition, a person who
3 receives a free deer hunting license pursuant to this paragraph
4 shall pay a one dollar fee for each license that shall be used
5 and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd population
6 management, including assisting with the cost of processing
7 deer donated to the help us stop hunger program administered
8 by the commission.

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EXPLANATION

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

12 Current law allows an owner or tenant of a farm unit or
13 a member of that person's family who receives a wild turkey
14 license for use on that person's farm unit to use the license
15 during any bow or firearm turkey hunting season. An owner or
16 tenant of a farm unit or a member of that person's family who
17 receives a deer hunting license for use on that person's farm
18 unit may use the license during any bow or firearm deer hunting
19 season.

20 This bill allows an owner or tenant of a farm unit or a
21 member of that person's family to use on the farm unit a wild
22 turkey hunting license during any established turkey hunting
23 season and a deer hunting license during any established deer
24 hunting season using the method of take authorized by rule for
25 the respective season being hunted. A tag filled during one of
26 the seasons will not be valid in subsequent seasons.