

**House File 60 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the allocation of nonresident deer hunting  
2 licenses, and making penalties applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
2 2021, 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, 2020. 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) After the six thousand antlered or any sex nonresident  
25 deer hunting licenses have been issued, all additional licenses  
26 shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall  
27 annually determine the number of nonresident antlerless deer  
28 only deer hunting licenses that will be available for issuance.

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EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill relates to nonresident deer hunting licenses  
33 issued by the natural resource commission. Currently, the  
34 commission issues up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting  
35 licenses to nonresidents, which are allocated among zones

1 based on deer populations. Not more than 35 percent of the  
2 licenses shall be bow season licenses. The bill requires  
3 the commission to reserve 500 of the nonresident antlered or  
4 any sex deer hunting licenses for nonresidents who have made  
5 a reservation with a hunting guide company which company is  
6 currently registered as a business entity with the secretary  
7 of state and has maintained registration since prior to July  
8 1, 2020. If fewer than 500 nonresidents apply for a reserved  
9 license by the application deadline set by the commission, the  
10 excess reserved licenses shall be available for purchase in the  
11 same manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex  
12 deer hunting licenses. A nonresident shall include with the  
13 license application evidence that the reservation is scheduled  
14 for a time during which the license is valid. Not more than 35  
15 percent of the issued reserved licenses and not more than 35  
16 percent of the remaining licenses shall be bow season licenses.  
17 A person who violates a provision of this bill is subject to  
18 a scheduled fine of \$35.