

House File 2484 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2014)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of deer depredation licenses.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481C.2A, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) In addition to other times the department finds
4 necessary, the department shall allow licenses and permits
5 issued pursuant to this section to be used in the months of
6 September, October, November, and December. Additionally,
7 the department shall allow licenses issued pursuant to this
8 section to be used in any county during the same time period
9 as the January antlerless deer only hunting season established
10 pursuant to section 483A.8, subsection 9, even if the county
11 in which the license is used does not qualify for the January
12 antlerless deer only hunting season.

13 (2) There shall be an annual deer depredation season from
14 September 1 through September 15 for any person possessing a
15 valid license and tag issued pursuant to this section. The
16 method of take for the deer depredation season shall be a rifle
17 using a cartridge approved by the department, a shotgun, a
18 muzzleloader, a handgun, a crossbow, or a bow.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to the use of deer depredation licenses.
23 Current law requires the department of natural resources (DNR)
24 to allow deer depredation licenses to be used in the months of
25 September, October, November, and December. The bill requires
26 DNR to also allow the use of deer depredation licenses in any
27 county during the same time period as the January antlerless
28 deer only hunting season established pursuant to Code section
29 483A.8(9), even if the county in which the license is used
30 does not qualify for the January antlerless deer only hunting
31 season.

32 The bill also creates a designated deer depredation season
33 from September 1 through September 15. A person possessing
34 a deer depredation license and tag may use a rifle with an
35 approved cartridge, a shotgun, a muzzleloader, a handgun, a

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1 crossbow, or a bow during the designated season.