

House File 322 - Introduced

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BY HORA

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to free deer hunting licenses issued to owners
2 and tenants of farm units.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) Upon written application on forms furnished by the
4 department, the department shall issue annually without fee two
5 deer hunting licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting
6 license and one antlerless deer only deer hunting license, to
7 the owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family,
8 but only a total of two licenses for both, and to the tenant
9 of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's family, but only
10 a total of two licenses for both. The deer hunting licenses
11 issued shall be valid only for use on the farm unit for which
12 the applicant applies pursuant to this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph.
13 The owner or the tenant need not reside on the farm unit to
14 qualify for the free deer hunting licenses to hunt on that farm
15 unit. The free deer hunting licenses issued pursuant to this
16 ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph shall be valid and may be used during
17 any bow or firearm deer hunting season. The licenses may be
18 used to harvest deer in two different seasons. In addition,
19 a person who receives a free deer hunting license pursuant to
20 this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph shall pay a one dollar fee for each
21 license that shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose
22 of deer herd population management, including assisting with
23 the cost of processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger
24 program administered by the commission.

25 (2) After receiving a license pursuant to subparagraph (1),
26 the recipient of the license may sell or otherwise transfer the
27 license to another person for use on the property. The other
28 person must have a valid hunting license in order to use a deer
29 hunting license issued pursuant to subparagraph (1).

30 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 This bill relates to free deer hunting licenses issued to
34 owners and tenants of farm units. Under current law, upon
35 application, the department of natural resources shall issue

1 annually without fee two deer hunting licenses, one antlered
2 or any sex deer hunting license and one antlerless deer only
3 deer hunting license, to the owner of a farm unit or a member of
4 the owner's family, but only a total of two licenses for both,
5 and to the tenant of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's
6 family, but only a total of two licenses for both. The free
7 deer hunting licenses are valid only for use on the farm unit
8 and may be used during any bow or firearm deer hunting season.
9 After receiving a free deer hunting license, the bill
10 authorizes the recipient of the license to sell or otherwise
11 transfer the license to another person for use on the property.
12 The other person must have a valid hunting license in order to
13 use the free deer hunting license.