

House File 582 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 205)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to hunting by persons with disabilities arising
- 2 from military service.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.14, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Moneys appropriated to or received
4 by the department for purposes of this section may be used
5 to issue a grant for the purchase of an archery season deer
6 hunting license and tag by a veteran who is eligible under
7 subsection 4. A veteran receiving a license and tag under
8 this subsection is authorized to use a crossbow in any archery
9 season while hunting with the tag pursuant to section 483A.8.

10 Sec. 2. Section 483A.4, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The person served in the armed forces of
13 the United States and has an injury arising from that person's
14 military service.

15 Sec. 3. Section 483A.8, subsection 8, Code 2023, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 8. a. The commission shall adopt ~~a rule~~ rules permitting
18 a resident to use a crossbow for taking deer during the late
19 season that is designated for taking deer by muzzleloading
20 rifle or muzzleloading pistol.

21 b. The commission shall adopt rules allowing a person
22 who has a permanent disability due to an injury specified in
23 section 483A.4, subsection 3, to use a crossbow while hunting
24 with a tag designated for use in any archery season.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill relates to hunting by persons with disabilities
29 arising from military service. Current law provides a
30 definition of "permanent disability" for the purposes of
31 obtaining a hunting or fishing license. A resident who has a
32 permanent disability may purchase a hunting or fur harvester
33 license that does not include the wildlife habitat fee.
34 Additionally, a resident who has a permanent disability whose
35 income falls below the federal poverty guidelines may receive a

1 free annual fishing or combined hunting and fishing license.
2 The bill adds a person who served in the armed forces of the
3 United States and has an injury arising from that person's
4 military service to the definition of "permanent disability".
5 The bill requires the natural resource commission to adopt
6 rules allowing a person who has a permanent disability based
7 on an injury arising from that person's military service to
8 use a crossbow while hunting with a tag designated for use in
9 any archery season. Moneys appropriated to or received by the
10 Iowa department of veterans affairs for purposes of funding the
11 injured veterans grant program may be used to issue a grant for
12 the purchase of an archery season deer hunting license and tag
13 by a veteran who is otherwise eligible to receive a grant under
14 the program. A veteran receiving a license and tag through the
15 use of a grant is authorized to use a crossbow in any archery
16 season while hunting with the tag.