

**House Study Bill 205 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON INGELS)

**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.