

Senate File 255 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 255
BY GREEN

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 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) (a) The commission shall annually limit to six
4 thousand the number of nonresidents allowed to have antlered
5 or any sex deer hunting licenses. Of the six thousand
6 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses issued,
7 five hundred of the licenses shall be reserved for nonresidents
8 who have made a reservation with an outfitter that is currently
9 registered as a business entity with the secretary of state and
10 has maintained registration since prior to July 1, 2022. A
11 nonresident may only receive one license under this subsection.
12 An outfitter shall certify to the department that the outfitter
13 is properly registered as a business entity. If fewer than
14 five hundred nonresidents apply for a reserved license by
15 the application deadline set by the commission by rule, any
16 license not issued shall be made available for purchase at the
17 same time and in the same manner as other excess nonresident
18 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Not more than
19 thirty-five percent of the issued reserved licenses shall be
20 bow season licenses. The nonresident shall provide with the
21 license application evidence that the reservation is scheduled
22 during a period in which the license is valid. Of the ~~six~~
23 ~~thousand~~ remaining nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting
24 licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the
25 licenses shall be bow season licenses.

26 (b) For purposes of this subparagraph, "outfitter" means a
27 business that offers any of the following services in relation
28 to hunting:

29 (i) Transportation services for individuals, equipment,
30 supplies, or wildlife by means of a vehicle, vessel, or pack
31 animal.

32 (ii) Facilities services including but not limited to
33 providing tents, cabins, camp gear, food, or similar supplies,
34 equipment, or accommodations.

35 (iii) Guiding, leading, packing, protecting, supervising,

1 instructing, or training individuals or groups in the take or
2 attempted take of wildlife.

3 (2) After the six thousand antlered or any sex nonresident
4 deer hunting licenses have been issued, all additional licenses
5 shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall
6 annually determine the number of nonresident antlerless deer
7 only deer hunting licenses that will be available for issuance.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill relates to nonresident deer hunting licenses
12 issued by the natural resource commission (NRC). Currently,
13 NRC issues up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting
14 licenses to nonresidents, which are allocated among zones
15 based on deer populations. Not more than 35 percent of the
16 licenses shall be bow season licenses. The bill requires NRC
17 to reserve 500 of the nonresident antlered or any sex deer
18 hunting licenses for nonresidents who have made a reservation
19 with an outfitter, as defined in the bill, that is currently
20 registered as a business entity with the secretary of state
21 and has maintained registration since prior to July 1, 2022.
22 The bill prohibits a nonresident from receiving more than
23 one license issued under Code section 483A.8(3). The bill
24 requires an outfitter to certify to the department of natural
25 resources that the outfitter is properly registered as a
26 business entity. If fewer than 500 nonresidents apply for a
27 reserved license by the application deadline set by NRC, the
28 excess reserved licenses shall be available for purchase in the
29 same manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex
30 deer hunting licenses. A nonresident shall include with the
31 license application evidence that the reservation is scheduled
32 for a time during which the license is valid. Not more than 35
33 percent of the issued reserved licenses and not more than 35
34 percent of the remaining licenses shall be bow season licenses.
35 A person who violates a provision of the bill is subject to a

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1 scheduled fine of \$35.