

**Senate File 42 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to deer hunting licenses available to  
2 nonresident hunters.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraphs c and e,  
2 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:

3 c. The commission shall annually limit to ~~six~~ seven  
4 thousand five hundred the number of nonresidents allowed to  
5 have antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Of the ~~six~~  
6 seven thousand five hundred nonresident antlered or any sex  
7 deer hunting licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent  
8 of the licenses shall be bow season licenses. After the ~~six~~  
9 seven thousand five hundred antlered or any sex nonresident  
10 deer hunting licenses have been issued, all additional licenses  
11 shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall  
12 annually determine the number of nonresident antlerless deer  
13 only deer hunting licenses that will be available for issuance.

14 e. The commission shall assign one preference point to a  
15 nonresident whose application for a nonresident antlered or any  
16 sex deer hunting license is denied due to limitations on the  
17 number of nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses  
18 available for issuance that year. An additional preference  
19 point shall be assigned to that person each subsequent year  
20 the person's license application is denied for that reason. A  
21 nonresident may purchase additional preference points pursuant  
22 to rules adopted pursuant to [section 483A.1](#). The ~~first~~  
23 department shall use a random draw process that is weighted  
24 to favor applicants with the most preference points to assign  
25 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting license drawing  
26 each year shall be made from the pool of applicants with the  
27 most preference points and continue to pools of applicants  
28 with successively fewer preference points licenses until  
29 all available nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting  
30 licenses have been issued. If a nonresident applicant receives  
31 an antlered or any sex deer hunting license, all of the  
32 applicant's assigned preference points at that time shall be  
33 removed.

34 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended  
35 by adding the following new paragraph:

1     NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* If a nonresident hunting deer while using  
2 the antlerless deer only deer hunting license and tag required  
3 to be purchased pursuant to paragraph "b" takes an antlerless  
4 deer in a zone that is above the population goal determined  
5 by the commission, the commission shall assign one preference  
6 point to the nonresident. The department shall determine a  
7 method for verifying a harvest pursuant to this paragraph.

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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 deer hunting licenses available to  
12 nonresident hunters.

13     Currently, the natural resource commission (NRC) issues  
14 up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses to  
15 nonresidents. The bill increases that amount to 7,500. The  
16 bill requires NRC to use a random draw process that is weighted  
17 to favor applicants with the most preference points to assign  
18 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses until all  
19 available nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses  
20 have been issued.

21     The bill provides that when a nonresident uses the  
22 antlerless deer only deer hunting license and tag that the  
23 nonresident is required to purchase with an antlered or any sex  
24 deer hunting license to take an antlerless deer in a zone that  
25 is above the population goal determined by NRC, then NRC will  
26 assign one preference point to the nonresident. The department  
27 of natural resources shall determine a method for verifying a  
28 harvest in a zone that is above the population goal.