

Senate File 531 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 531
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1184)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing crop loss deer hunting permits and seasons.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481C.2B Crop loss deer hunting
2 permits.

3 1. For purposes of this section, "family member", "farm
4 unit", "owner", and "tenant" mean the same as defined in section
5 483A.24.

6 2. An owner, tenant, or family member may apply to receive
7 crop loss deer hunting permits and tags for use on the owner's
8 farm unit. An application shall be accompanied with proof of
9 substantial yield loss due to deer, which may be demonstrated
10 with a yield map or photographs. Upon application, the
11 department shall issue at no cost crop loss deer hunting
12 permits and tags pursuant to this section.

13 3. The department shall establish an early split crop
14 loss deer hunting season that shall encompass the months
15 of September and October and a late split crop loss deer
16 hunting season that shall encompass the months of November and
17 December. The department shall issue twelve crop loss deer
18 hunting tags for use on the farm unit with six crop loss deer
19 hunting tags issued during each split season. Crop loss deer
20 hunting tags issued for the early split season that remain
21 unfilled at the conclusion of the early split season may be
22 used in the late split season.

23 4. Tags issued pursuant to this section may be transferred
24 to another resident for use on the farm unit. A resident is
25 eligible to receive tags pursuant to this subsection if the
26 resident has purchased the licenses and paid the fees described
27 in section 483A.8, subsection 1.

28 5. A person may use any legal method of take when hunting
29 with a permit issued pursuant to this section.

30 6. A person shall only take antlerless deer when hunting
31 with a permit issued pursuant to this section.

32 7. Receiving a permit or tag pursuant to this section does
33 not prohibit the recipient from receiving any other lawfully
34 issued permit, license, or tag.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill establishes crop loss deer hunting permits and
4 seasons. The bill allows an owner or tenant of a farm unit,
5 or a family member of the owner or tenant, to apply to receive
6 crop loss deer hunting permits and tags for use on the owner's
7 farm unit. An application shall be accompanied with proof of
8 substantial yield loss due to deer. Upon application, the
9 department of natural resources shall issue a crop loss deer
10 hunting permit and tags for use on the farm unit. Six crop
11 loss deer hunting tags are available for use during an early
12 split crop loss deer hunting season, which shall encompass the
13 months of September and October, and six crop loss deer hunting
14 tags are available for use during a late split crop loss deer
15 hunting season, which shall encompass the months of November
16 and December. Tags that remain unfilled at the conclusion of
17 the early split season may be used in the late split season.
18 Tags issued pursuant to the bill may be transferred to
19 another resident hunter for use on the farm unit. A person
20 may use any legal method of take when hunting with a permit
21 issued pursuant to the bill, but shall only take antlerless
22 deer. Receiving a permit or tag pursuant to the bill does not
23 prohibit the recipient from receiving any other lawfully issued
24 permit, license, or tag.