

**House File 22 - Introduced**

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BY COLLINS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the allocation of nonresident deer hunting  
2 licenses and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. The commission shall annually limit to six thousand the  
4 number of nonresidents allowed to have antlered or any sex deer  
5 hunting licenses. Of the six thousand nonresident antlered or  
6 any sex deer hunting licenses issued, not less than six hundred  
7 of the licenses shall be reserved for nonresident landowners  
8 with at least forty acres of land zoned for agricultural  
9 purposes in this state. If fewer than six hundred nonresidents  
10 apply for a reserved license by the application deadline set  
11 by the commission by rule, any license not issued shall be  
12 made available for purchase at the same time and in the same  
13 manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex deer  
14 hunting licenses. Not more than thirty-five percent of the  
15 issued reserved licenses shall be bow season licenses. Of the  
16 ~~six thousand~~ remaining nonresident antlered or any sex deer  
17 hunting licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the  
18 licenses shall be bow season licenses. After the six thousand  
19 antlered or any sex nonresident deer hunting licenses have been  
20 issued, all additional licenses shall be issued for antlerless  
21 deer only. The commission shall annually determine the number of  
22 nonresident antlerless deer only deer hunting licenses that will  
23 be available for issuance.

24 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

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 nonresident deer hunting licenses issued  
29 by the natural resource commission (NRC). Currently, NRC issues  
30 up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses to  
31 nonresidents, which are allocated among zones based on deer  
32 populations. Not more than 35 percent of the licenses shall  
33 be bow season licenses. The bill requires NRC to reserve 600  
34 of the nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses  
35 for nonresidents who own at least 40 acres of land zoned

1 for agricultural purposes in the state. If fewer than 600  
2 nonresidents apply for a reserved license by the application  
3 deadline set by NRC, the excess reserved licenses shall be  
4 available for purchase in the same manner as other excess  
5 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Not more  
6 than 35 percent of the issued reserved licenses and not more  
7 than 35 percent of the remaining licenses shall be bow season  
8 licenses.

9 The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

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