

House File 2627 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2038)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to deer depredation.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481C.2, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2026,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The director of the department of natural resources shall
4 enter into a memorandum of agreement with the United States
5 department of agriculture, animal damage control division. The
6 wild animal depredation unit shall serve and act as the liaison
7 to the department for the producers in the state who suffer ~~crop,~~
8 ~~horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage~~ an economic loss
9 to agriculture, horticulture, or silviculture operations due to
10 wild animals.

11 2. The department shall issue depredation permits and deer
12 shooting permits to any landowner or tenant, as defined under
13 section 483A.24, subsection 2, upon receiving written approval
14 from the landowner, who incurs ~~crop, horticultural product, tree,~~
15 ~~or nursery damage~~ suffers an economic loss of one thousand
16 dollars or more to agriculture, horticulture, or silviculture
17 operations due to wild animals. The department shall allow any
18 conservation officer to issue permits pursuant to this chapter.

19 Sec. 2. Section 481C.2A, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
20 2026, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. Deer shooting permits shall be available for issuance
22 to landowners or tenants, as defined under section 483A.24,
23 subsection 2, upon receiving written approval from the landowner,
24 who incur ~~crop, horticultural product, tree, or nursery damage~~
25 suffer an economic loss to agriculture, horticulture, or
26 silviculture operations as provided in section 481C.2 and shall
27 be available for issuance for use on areas where public safety
28 may be an issue.

29 EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill relates to deer depredation. Under current law,
33 eligibility for the wild animal depredation program requires a
34 producer to have suffered "crop, horticultural product, tree,
35 or nursery damage due to wild animals". The bill changes this

1 eligibility requirement to cover a producer who has suffered
2 "economic loss to agriculture, horticulture, or silviculture
3 operations due to wild animals".

4 The bill authorizes any conservation officer to issue
5 depredation permits or deer shooting permits (permits). In
6 addition to landowners as currently allowed, the bill allows
7 tenants to receive permits with written approval from the
8 landlord.

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