

House File 388 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 22)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the allocation of nonresident deer hunting
2 licenses.
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 e, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. The commission shall assign one preference point to a
4 nonresident whose application for a nonresident antlered or any
5 sex deer hunting license is denied due to limitations on the
6 number of nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses
7 available for issuance that year. An additional preference
8 point shall be assigned to that person each subsequent year
9 the person's license application is denied for that reason. A
10 nonresident may purchase additional preference points pursuant to
11 rules adopted pursuant to section 483A.1. The first nonresident
12 antlered or any sex deer hunting license drawing each year shall
13 be made from the pool of applicants with the most preference
14 points and continue to pools of applicants with successively
15 fewer preference points until sixty-five percent of all available
16 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses have
17 been issued. The remaining thirty-five percent of nonresident
18 antlered or any sex deer licenses shall be distributed by a
19 random drawing of applications without considering preference
20 points of the applicants. If a nonresident applicant receives an
21 antlered or any sex deer hunting license, all of the applicant's
22 assigned preference points at that time shall be removed.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to nonresident deer hunting licenses issued
27 by the natural resource commission (NRC).

28 Currently, NRC authorizes the issuance of up to 6,000 antlered
29 or any sex deer hunting licenses to nonresidents. Licenses
30 are awarded based on the results of drawing from applicant
31 pools. The first nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting
32 license drawing is made from the pool of applicants with the
33 most preference points and continues to pools of applicants with
34 successively fewer preference points until all the available
35 licenses have been issued. The bill retains this method of

1 license distribution, but only until 65 percent of the available
2 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses have been
3 issued. The bill requires the remaining 35 percent of the
4 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses to be
5 distributed through a random drawing of all the applications
6 without considering the preference points of the applicant.
7 Regardless of the drawing method, once a nonresident applicant
8 receives a license, all of the applicant's preference points are
9 removed.

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