

House File 65 - Introduced

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BY COLLINS

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, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The department shall issue depredation permits and deer
4 shooting permits to any landowner who incurs crop, horticultural
5 product, tree, or nursery damage of one thousand dollars or more
6 due to wild animals.

7 Sec. 2. Section 481C.2A, subsection 5, Code 2025, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. There shall be an annual deer depredation
10 season from January 11 through January 31 for any person
11 possessing a valid depredation license and tag or deer shooting
12 permit issued pursuant to this section on or after February 1 of
13 the preceding calendar year. The method of take for the deer
14 depredation season shall be a rifle using a cartridge approved by
15 the department, a shotgun, a muzzleloader, a handgun, a crossbow,
16 or a bow.

17 **EXPLANATION**

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

20 This bill relates to deer depredation. The bill directs the
21 department of natural resources to issue deer shooting permits
22 to a landowner who incurs crop, horticultural product, tree, or
23 nursery damage of \$1,000 or more due to wild animals.

24 The bill creates a designated deer depredation season from
25 January 11 through January 31. A person possessing a deer
26 depredation license and tag or deer shooting permit may use a
27 rifle with an approved cartridge, a shotgun, a muzzleloader, a
28 handgun, a crossbow, or a bow during the designated season.