

House Study Bill 251 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WULF)

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

3 c. (1) (a) The commission shall annually limit to six
4 thousand the number of nonresidents allowed to have antlered or
5 any sex deer hunting licenses. Of the six thousand nonresident
6 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses issued, five hundred of
7 the licenses shall be reserved for nonresidents who have made a
8 reservation with an outfitter that is currently registered as a
9 business entity with the secretary of state and has maintained
10 registration since prior to July 1, 2024, as proven by a
11 certification from the outfitter. A nonresident may only receive
12 one license under this subsection. If fewer than five hundred
13 nonresidents apply for a reserved license by the application
14 deadline set by the commission by rule, any license not issued
15 shall be made available for purchase at the same time and in
16 the same manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex
17 deer hunting licenses. Not more than thirty-five percent of
18 the issued reserved licenses shall be bow season licenses. The
19 nonresident's license application shall include evidence that the
20 reservation is scheduled during a period in which the license
21 is valid. Of the six thousand remaining nonresident antlered or
22 any sex deer hunting licenses issued, not more than thirty-five
23 percent of the licenses shall be bow season licenses.

24 (b) For purposes of this subparagraph, "outfitter" means a
25 business that offers any of the following services in relation to
26 hunting:

27 (i) Transportation services for individuals, equipment,
28 supplies, or wildlife by means of a vehicle, vessel, or pack
29 animal.

30 (ii) Facilities services including but not limited to
31 providing tents, cabins, camp gear, food, or similar supplies,
32 equipment, or accommodations.

33 (iii) Guiding, leading, packing, protecting, supervising,
34 instructing, or training individuals or groups in the take or
35 attempted take of wildlife.

