

House Study Bill 275 - Introduced

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

A BILL FOR

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Fifty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall
4 be allocated as ~~determined by the department~~ between Iowa
5 conservation organizations and the governor. Of the fifty
6 nonresident deer hunting licenses allocated under this paragraph,
7 forty shall be allocated to Iowa conservation organizations, as
8 determined by the department, and ten shall be allocated to
9 the governor. The governor may choose to accept all, part, or
10 none of the allocation. Any nonresident deer hunting license
11 allocated to the governor that is not accepted by September 1
12 of the year in which the allocation is made shall be added to
13 the allocation for Iowa conservation organizations. The licenses
14 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition to the
15 number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant to section
16 483A.8. The purpose of the special nonresident licenses is to
17 allow state officials and ~~local development~~ Iowa conservation
18 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
19 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes, or
20 any other form of media resulting from the hunting visitation
21 shall not be used for political campaign purposes. The
22 nonresident licenses shall be issued without application upon
23 purchase of a nonresident annual hunting license that includes
24 the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase of a nonresident deer
25 hunting license. The licenses are valid in all zones open
26 to deer hunting. The hunter education certificate requirement
27 pursuant to section 483A.27 is waived for a nonresident issued
28 a license pursuant to this subsection. For purposes of this
29 paragraph, "conservation organization" means an organization that
30 is incorporated and managed pursuant to chapter 504 and whose
31 mission emphasizes natural resource conservation or supports
32 science-based natural resource management. A local or state
33 chapter or division of a national or international conservation
34 organization shall qualify as a conservation organization.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill relates to the allocation of special nonresident
4 deer hunting licenses.

5 Under current law, the director of the department of natural
6 resources allocates 50 nonresident deer hunting licenses for the
7 purpose of allowing state officials and local development groups
8 to promote the state and its natural resources to nonresident
9 guests and dignitaries.

10 The bill changes the allocation and purpose of the 50
11 nonresident hunting licenses by allocating 40 of the licenses
12 to Iowa conservation organizations and 10 of the licenses to
13 the governor for the purpose of allowing state officials and
14 Iowa conservation groups to promote the state and its natural
15 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries. The bill allows
16 the governor to accept all, part, or none of the allocation.
17 Any nonresident deer hunting license not accepted by the governor
18 by September 1 is added to the allocation for Iowa conservation
19 organizations.

20 The bill defines "conservation organization" as an
21 organization that is incorporated and managed pursuant to
22 Code chapter 504 and whose mission emphasizes natural
23 resource conservation or supports science-based natural resource
24 management. Under the bill, a local or state chapter or
25 division of a national or international conservation organization
26 qualifies as a conservation organization.