

Senate File 179 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2025, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. a. As used in this subsection:

4 (1) "Family member" means a person who is a parent,
5 stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent,
6 grandchild, or spouse.

7 (2) "Party hunting" means the practice of more than one
8 hunter sharing the total number of tags possessed by the hunters
9 and allowing any hunter to use any tag on any deer taken by a
10 member of the party.

11 (3) "Resident" means a person who has applied for and
12 received deer hunting licenses under section 483A.24, subsection
13 2, paragraph "c".

14 b. Notwithstanding subsection 3, a nonresident who is a
15 family member of a resident may purchase a special nonresident
16 family member deer hunting license for a fee that is one-half
17 the fee for a nonresident deer hunting license established by
18 rule pursuant to section 483A.1. A nonresident may only use
19 a nonresident family member deer hunting license while hunting
20 with a resident who is a family member of the nonresident
21 on the property for which the resident received deer hunting
22 licenses under section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph "c". A
23 person using a nonresident family member deer hunting license is
24 entitled to the same privileges as a person using a resident deer
25 hunting license, including party hunting, and the nonresident
26 family member deer hunting license shall not be subject to quotas
27 or requirements imposed on nonresidents, except that a person
28 issued a license under this subsection is required to purchase
29 an annual nonresident hunting license.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill creates a special deer hunting license available to
34 certain nonresident family members.

35 In order to hunt deer under current law, a nonresident who

1 does not own land in Iowa may apply for an antlered or any sex
2 deer hunting license that is subject to a specified zone and an
3 annual quota. A nonresident who is unsuccessful in acquiring an
4 antlered or any sex deer hunting license receives preference to
5 purchase an antlerless deer only deer hunting license.

6 The bill allows a nonresident who is a family member of a
7 resident to purchase a nonresident family member deer hunting
8 license for a fee that is one-half the fee of a nonresident deer
9 hunting license established by the natural resource commission
10 by rule. A nonresident may only use a nonresident family
11 member hunting license while hunting with a resident who is
12 a family member of the nonresident on the property for which
13 the resident received deer hunting licenses under Code section
14 483A.24(2)(c). A person using a nonresident family member deer
15 hunting license is entitled to the same privileges as a person
16 using a resident deer hunting license, including party hunting,
17 and the nonresident family member deer hunting license is not
18 subject to requirements or quotas imposed on nonresidents.
19 However, the nonresident family member is required to purchase
20 an annual nonresident hunting license. For purposes of the
21 bill, "family member" means a person who is a parent, stepparent,
22 child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, grandchild,
23 or spouse; "party hunting" means the practice of more than one
24 hunter sharing the total number of tags possessed by the hunters
25 and allowing any hunter to use any tag on any deer taken by
26 a member of the party; and "resident" means a person who has
27 applied for and received deer hunting licenses under Code section
28 483.24(2)(c).