

Senate File 422 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 422
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1078)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to allowable deer hunting practices by multiple
2 hunters and making penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

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) "Group hunting" means the practice of more than one
5 hunter hunting for deer on the same parcel of land either in
6 cooperation with each other or individually and using only a tag
7 issued to the hunter who has taken the deer.

8 (2) "Party hunting" means the practice of more than one
9 hunter sharing the total number of tags possessed by the hunters
10 and allowing any hunter to use any tag on any deer taken by a
11 member of the party. Party hunting does not include the practice
12 of group hunting.

13 b. Group hunting is allowed for nonresident and resident
14 hunters.

15 c. Party hunting is allowed for resident hunters subject to
16 rules adopted by the commission. Nonresident hunters shall not
17 engage in party hunting.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill defines group hunting and party hunting. The bill
22 allows group hunting for both resident and nonresident hunters.
23 Additionally, the bill allows for the practice of party hunting
24 among persons with a resident hunting license, subject to rules
25 adopted by the natural resource commission, but prohibits the
26 practice among persons with nonresident hunting licenses. Under
27 current rules, party hunting is allowed for residents during the
28 first and second regular gun seasons and the January antlerless
29 deer only seasons.

30 A person who violates the bill commits a simple misdemeanor
31 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$35.