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SENATE FILE 581
BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 464)
(SUCCESSOR TO SF 427)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate April 21, 2021)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to deer population management.

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

1 Section 1. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, Code 2021, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oh.* For each antlerless deer, five hundred
4 dollars.

5 Sec. 2. Section 481A.130, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code
6 2021, is amended to read as follows:

7 ~~*h.* For each deer, except as provided in paragraph "g", and~~
8 ~~for each swan or crane, one thousand five hundred dollars.~~

9 Sec. 3. Section 481C.2A, subsection 5, Code 2021, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 5. The department shall administer and enforce the
12 administrative rules concerning deer depredation, including
13 issuance of deer depredation licenses and deer shooting
14 permits, that are established by the commission and subject to
15 the following conditions:

16 *a.* Except for a free license issued under subsection 1,
17 paragraph "b", the department shall require a fee of two dollars
18 for a license or permit issued pursuant to this section.

19 *b.* In addition to other times the department finds
20 necessary, the department shall allow licenses and permits
21 issued pursuant to this section to be used in the months of
22 September, October, November, and December.

23 Sec. 4. Section 483A.8, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
24 following new subsection:

25 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. There shall be a January antlerless
26 deer only hunting season in a county whenever that county
27 has unsold antlerless deer licenses available in its county
28 quota as set by the commission by rule. The commission shall
29 establish the season dates. Licenses shall be available for
30 sale beginning the day after the close of the late muzzleloader
31 season until either the county quota allotment has been sold or
32 until the end of the season, whichever occurs first. A January
33 antlerless deer only license issued under this subsection is
34 valid only in the county identified on the license. A rifle
35 with a barrel length of at least sixteen inches and firing

1 centerfire ammunition propelling an expanding-type bullet with
2 a maximum diameter of no less than two hundred twenty-three
3 thousandths of one inch and no larger than five hundred
4 thousandths of one inch and with a published or calculated
5 muzzle energy of five hundred foot pounds or higher is the
6 approved method of take for this season.

7 Sec. 5. DEER POPULATION STUDY. The department of natural
8 resources shall conduct a study every three years to determine
9 the estimated deer population in each county in this state,
10 which shall be supported by historical records dating back
11 to 1970. The department shall review and provide scientific
12 data relating to the environmental impact of deer populations,
13 including the impact to crops and trees. The department
14 shall also review the spread of disease in deer and other
15 wildlife populations. Additionally, the report shall include
16 information on property loss, medical costs, and fatalities
17 due to deer-vehicle accidents. In conducting the study, the
18 department shall work with relevant representatives from the
19 Iowa state university of science and technology agricultural
20 extension service, the department of transportation, and the
21 insurance division of the department of commerce. Expenses
22 for conducting the study shall be paid from the fish and
23 wildlife protection fund established in section 456A.17 and
24 such payments are considered a proper use of the funds for
25 purposes of section 456A.27 and Article VII, section 9, of the
26 Constitution of the State of Iowa. The department shall submit
27 a report summarizing the results of the study to the general
28 assembly by October 1, 2023, and every three years thereafter.