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)

_____ = New Language by the Senate

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to deer population management.

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

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

NEW PARAGRAPH. *0h.* For each antlerless deer, five hundred dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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