

CHAPTER 1137

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES AND PERMITS

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AN ACT relating to fishing and hunting licenses and permits.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 481A.130, subsection 1](#), Code 2022, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

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

Sec. 2. [Section 481A.130, subsection 1](#), paragraph h, Code 2022, 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 2022, 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 five 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 2022, 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. [Section 483A.24, subsection 3](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

The director shall provide up to ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred twenty-five nonresident deer hunting licenses for allocation as provided in [this subsection](#).

Sec. 6. [Section 483A.24, subsection 3](#), paragraph b, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

~~b. Twenty-five~~ Seventy-five of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be allocated as provided in [subsection 5](#).

Sec. 7. [Section 483A.24, subsection 5](#), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Twenty-five ~~Seventy-five~~ of the nonresident deer hunting licenses ~~and wild turkey hunting licenses~~ allocated under [subsections 3 and 4](#) [subsection 3](#) and twenty-five of the wild turkey hunting licenses allocated under [subsection 4](#) shall be available for issuance to nonresidents who have served in the armed forces of the United States on active federal service and who were disabled during the veteran’s military service or who are serving in the armed forces of the United States on active federal service and have been disabled during military service to

enable the disabled person to participate in a hunt that is conducted by an organization that conducts hunting experiences in this state for disabled persons. The licenses shall be issued as follows:

Sec. 8. [Section 483A.24, subsection 19](#), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

19. Upon payment of a fee established by rules adopted pursuant to [section 483A.1](#) for a lifetime trout fishing license, the department shall issue a lifetime trout fishing license to a person who is at least sixty-five years of age or to a person who qualifies for the disabled veteran homestead credit under [section 425.15](#). The department shall prepare an application to be used by a person requesting a lifetime trout fishing license under [this subsection](#).

Sec. 9. [Section 483A.8C, subsection 1](#), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1. A nonambulatory person who is a resident may be issued one any sex deer hunting license to hunt deer with a shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, or any handgun or rifle described in [section 481A.48](#) during any established deer hunting season ~~using the method of take authorized by rule for each season being hunted~~. If the tag is filled during one of the seasons, the license will not be valid in subsequent seasons. A person who applies for a license pursuant to [this section](#) shall complete a form, as required by rule, that is signed by a physician who verifies that the person is nonambulatory.

Sec. 10. DEER POPULATION STUDY. The department of natural resources shall conduct a study to determine the estimated deer population in each county in this state, which shall include historical population numbers and population trends and be supported by historical records dating back to 1970 if such data is available, and prepare a report. The department shall review and provide scientific data relating to the environmental impact of deer populations, including the impact to crops and nut, fruit, Christmas, and lumber trees. The department shall also review the spread of disease in deer and other cervidae wildlife populations. Additionally, the report shall include information on property loss, medical costs, and fatalities due to deer-vehicle accidents and incidents of airport runway incursions by deer. 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 the report summarizing the results of the study to the general assembly by October 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter.

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