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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the natural resource commission to increase the
2 number of nonresident turkey and deer hunting licenses issued
3 and requiring preparation of deer population management plans
4 by certain persons.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.7, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A nonresident wild turkey hunter is required to have a
4 nonresident hunting license and a nonresident wild turkey
5 hunting license and pay the wildlife habitat fee. The
6 commission shall annually limit to ~~two~~ three thousand ~~three~~
7 five hundred licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to
8 have wild turkey hunting licenses. Of the ~~two~~ three thousand
9 ~~three~~ five hundred licenses, one hundred fifty licenses shall
10 be valid for hunting with muzzle loading shotguns only. The
11 commission shall allocate the nonresident wild turkey hunting
12 licenses issued among the zones based on the populations of
13 wild turkey. A nonresident applying for a wild turkey hunting
14 license must exhibit proof of having successfully completed a
15 hunter safety and ethics education program as provided in
16 section 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by the
17 department before the license is issued.

18 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2005,
19 are amended to read as follows:

20 3. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a
21 nonresident hunting license and a nonresident deer license and
22 must pay the wildlife habitat fee. The commission shall
23 annually limit to ~~eight~~ twelve thousand ~~five-hundred~~ licenses
24 the number of nonresidents allowed to have any sex deer
25 hunting licenses. Of the first six thousand nonresident any
26 sex deer licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of
27 the licenses shall be bow season licenses ~~and, after the first~~
28 ~~six-thousand-nonresident-deer-licenses-have-been-issued, all~~
29 ~~additional-licenses-shall-be-issued-for-antlerless-deer-only.~~
30 The commission shall make available for issuance an additional
31 two thousand five hundred nonresident antlerless only deer
32 hunting licenses. The commission shall allocate the
33 nonresident deer hunting licenses issued among the zones based
34 on the populations of deer. However, a nonresident applicant
35 may request one or more hunting zones, in order of preference,

1 in which the applicant wishes to hunt. If the request cannot
2 be fulfilled, the applicable fees shall be returned to the
3 applicant. A nonresident applying for a deer hunting license
4 must exhibit proof of having successfully completed a hunter
5 safety and ethics education program as provided in section
6 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by the department
7 before the license is issued.

8 5. ~~A nonresident owning land in this state may apply for~~
9 ~~one of the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses not~~
10 ~~limited to antlerless deer, and the provisions of subsection 3~~
11 ~~shall apply. However, if~~ If a nonresident owning land in this
12 state is unsuccessful in obtaining one of the ~~first six~~
13 ~~thousand~~ nonresident any sex deer licenses provided for in
14 subsection 3, the landowner shall be given preference for one
15 of the ~~two thousand five hundred~~ nonresident antlerless only
16 ~~nonresident~~ deer licenses provided for in subsection 3. A
17 nonresident owning land in this state shall pay the fee for a
18 nonresident antlerless only deer license and the license shall
19 be valid to hunt on the nonresident's land only. A
20 nonresident owning land in this state is eligible for only one
21 nonresident deer license annually. If one or more parcels of
22 land have multiple nonresident owners, only one of the
23 nonresident owners is eligible for a nonresident antlerless
24 only deer license. If a nonresident jointly owns land in this
25 state with a resident, the nonresident shall not be given
26 preference for a nonresident antlerless only deer license.
27 The department may require proof of land ownership from a
28 nonresident landowner applying for a nonresident antlerless
29 only deer license.

30 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 483A.28 DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT
31 PLAN.

32 A person who holds an interest in land, including a
33 titleholder or tenant, and charges hunters a fee to hunt deer
34 on the land, shall prepare and adhere to a deer population
35 management plan approved by the department. The primary

1 purpose of a deer population management plan is to manage deer
2 populations on land where deer hunting for a fee is allowed so
3 that damage by deer to agricultural crops on adjacent land is
4 minimized. The department shall adopt rules prescribing the
5 format and content of such plans. This section does not apply
6 to licensed hunting preserves.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill requires the natural resource commission to
9 increase the number of nonresident turkey and deer hunting
10 licenses issued and requires certain persons to prepare deer
11 population management plans.

12 Code section 483A.7 is amended to provide that the
13 commission shall annually limit the number of nonresident wild
14 turkey hunting licenses to 3,500 instead of 2,300.

15 Code section 483A.8 is amended to provide that the
16 commission shall annually limit the number of nonresident deer
17 hunting licenses to 12,000 any sex deer hunting licenses
18 instead of 8,500 deer hunting licenses and shall make an
19 additional 2,500 nonresident antlerless only deer hunting
20 licenses available for issuance.

21 Code section 483A.8 is also amended to provide that if a
22 nonresident owning land in this state is unsuccessful in
23 obtaining one of the nonresident any sex deer hunting
24 licenses, the nonresident landowner shall be given preference
25 for one of the nonresident antlerless only deer hunting
26 licenses.

27 New Code section 483A.28 requires a person who holds an
28 interest in land, including a titleholder or tenant, and who
29 charges hunters a fee to hunt deer on the land, to prepare and
30 adhere to a deer population management plan approved by the
31 department of natural resources. The primary purpose of a
32 deer population management plan is to manage deer populations
33 on land where deer hunting for a fee is allowed so that damage
34 by deer to agricultural crops on adjacent land is minimized.
35 The department is directed to adopt rules regarding the format

1 and content of such plans. This new provision does not apply
2 to licensed hunting preserves.

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