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HOUSE FILE 419  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 180)

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to free resident landowner deer and turkey  
2 hunting licenses.

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

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HF 419

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
2 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) Upon written application on forms furnished by the  
4 department, the department shall issue annually without fee  
5 one deer or one wild turkey license, or both, to the owner of  
6 a farm unit or to a member of the owner's family, but not to  
7 both, and to the tenant or to a member of the tenant's family,  
8 but not to both. The deer hunting license or wild turkey  
9 hunting license issued shall be valid only on the farm unit  
10 for which an applicant qualifies pursuant to this subsection  
11 and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive license  
12 issued under section 481A.38. The owner or the tenant need  
13 not reside on the farm unit to qualify for a free license to  
14 hunt on that farm unit.

15 (2) A free deer hunting license issued pursuant to this  
16 subsection shall be valid and may be used during ~~all-shotgun~~  
17 any one deer seasons hunting season.

18 (3) A free wild turkey hunting license issued pursuant to  
19 this subsection shall be valid and may be used during any one  
20 wild turkey hunting season.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill provides that the free deer and wild turkey  
23 hunting licenses that are available to resident landowners  
24 pursuant to Code section 483A.24, subsection 2, shall be valid  
25 and may be used during any one deer or turkey season instead  
26 of just for one season specified on the license.

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HOUSE FILE 419

H-1037

1 Amend House File 419 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 20, the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 483A.24, Code 2005, is amended  
5 by adding the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. The commission may establish  
7 a special one-day deer hunt in which residents of Iowa  
8 who are sixteen years of age or older and who have  
9 permanent physical disabilities may participate. The  
10 special one-day deer hunt may be held before or during  
11 a regular deer hunting season. The commission shall  
12 issue without charge a special one-day deer hunting  
13 license for the hunt. A person who participates in  
14 the special hunt is not required to obtain a hunting  
15 license or to pay the wildlife habitat fee. The  
16 commission is authorized to prepare an application to  
17 be used by the person requesting the special license,  
18 which requires that the person's attending physician  
19 sign the form declaring that the person has a  
20 permanent physical disability. A license is not  
21 required for a person to assist a physically disabled  
22 person hunting during a special deer hunt established  
23 pursuant to this subsection. The commission shall  
24 establish rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer  
25 the special one-day deer hunts authorized in this  
26 subsection."

27 2. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the  
28 word "licenses" the following: "and free deer hunting  
29 licenses for disabled persons".

By THOMAS of Clayton

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HOUSE FILE 419

H-1049

1 Amend House File 419 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1, the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 483A.23A FOREST  
5 RESERVATIONS -- PUBLIC HUNTING ACCESS.

6 On and after January 1, 2006, a nonresident owner  
7 of land in this state making application for a tax  
8 exemption for a forest reservation pursuant to section  
9 427C.3 shall agree to allow public access for walk-in  
10 hunting on the forest reservation during the period of  
11 tax exemption."

12 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the  
13 words "relating to" the following: "public hunting on  
14 forest reservations and".

By GASKILL of Wapello

H-1049 FILED MARCH 4, 2005