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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 459
BY REYNOLDS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of deer hunting licenses to
2 nonresident owners of agricultural land in this state.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a
4 nonresident deer license and must pay the wildlife habitat
5 fee. The commission shall annually limit to seven thousand
6 five hundred licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to
7 have deer hunting licenses. Of the first six thousand
8 nonresident deer licenses issued, not more than thirty-five
9 percent of the licenses shall be bow season licenses and,
10 after the first six thousand nonresident deer licenses have
11 been issued, all additional licenses shall be issued for
12 antlerless deer only. However, upon application containing
13 proof of ownership of agricultural land in this state and the
14 payment of applicable fees, the department shall issue a
15 nonresident deer hunting license to the applicant. Deer
16 hunting licenses issued to nonresidents who own agricultural
17 land in this state are exempt from the limitations and
18 allocations specified in this subsection. The number of
19 nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be determined as
20 provided in section 481A.38. The commission shall allocate
21 the nonresident deer hunting licenses issued among the zones
22 based on the populations of deer. However, a nonresident
23 applicant may request one or more hunting zones, in order of
24 preference, in which the applicant wishes to hunt. If the
25 request cannot be fulfilled, the applicable fees shall be
26 returned to the applicant. A nonresident applying for a deer
27 hunting license must exhibit proof of having successfully
28 completed a hunter safety and ethics education program as
29 provided in section 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by
30 the department before the license is issued.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill provides that upon application with proof of
33 ownership of agricultural land in this state and the payment
34 of applicable fees, the department shall issue a nonresident
35 deer hunting license to the applicant. The deer hunting

1 licenses issued to nonresidents who own agricultural land in
2 this state are exempt from the limitations and allocations
3 applied to nonresident deer hunting licenses in general.
4 These limitations and allocations include an annual limit of
5 7,500 total licenses and of the first 6,000 licenses issued,
6 not more than 35 percent shall be bow season licenses and,
7 after the first 6,000 are issued, the remainder shall be
8 issued for antlerless deer only.

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