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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 2027
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to taking deer with a free deer hunting license
2 by a landowner, tenant, or family members of a landowner or
3 tenant.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph b,
2 Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. 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. A free deer hunting license issued
15 pursuant to this subsection shall be valid during all ~~shotgun~~
16 deer seasons with the use of any method of taking or any
17 weapon which is lawful during any deer season.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that a landowner, tenant, or a family
20 member of a landowner or tenant may hunt deer with the free
21 deer hunting license on the farm unit during all deer seasons
22 and may use any method of taking or any weapon which is lawful
23 during any deer season.

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Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

2027 - Landowner Deer Licenses (LSB 5308 HH)

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Description

House File 2027 extends the number of seasons that a landowner or tenant that receives a free farm unit deer license can hunt. Currently, the owner or tenant or one family member of an owner or tenant is permitted to hunt during one deer season. If they do not take a deer and want to continue to hunt, they are required to buy a deer license for that hunting season.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of House File 2027 is a decrease in receipts to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund of \$130,000 for FY 2003 and for subsequent years.

Assumptions

1. In 2001, the Department of Natural Resources issued approximately 50,000 free landowner/tenant licenses.

It is estimated that 10.0% or 5,000 persons would apply for a free deer license or wild turkey license.

3. The cost of a deer license is \$26.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources

_____/s/ Dennis C. Prouty_____

January 25, 2002

The fiscal note and correction impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
