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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of free deer and wild turkey
2 hunting licenses to certain landowners and other persons.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 5

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) "Farm unit" means all parcels of land in tracts of ten
4 acres of more, not necessarily contiguous, which are operated
5 as a unit for agricultural purposes and which are under the
6 lawful control of the owner or tenant.

7 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraphs b, c,
8 and d, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

9 b. Upon written application on forms furnished by the
10 department, the department shall issue annually without fee
11 one any sex deer or license, one antlerless deer license, and
12 one wild turkey license, or both, to the owner of a farm unit
13 or to a member of the owner's family, but not to both, and to
14 the tenant or to a member of the tenant's family, but not to
15 both. The deer hunting ~~license~~ licenses or wild turkey
16 hunting license issued shall be valid only on the farm unit
17 for which an applicant qualifies pursuant to this subsection
18 and shall be equivalent to the least restrictive license
19 issued under section 481A.38. The owner or the tenant need
20 not reside on the farm unit to qualify for a free license to
21 hunt on that farm unit. A free deer hunting license issued
22 pursuant to this subsection shall be valid during all shotgun
23 deer seasons.

24 c. In addition to the free deer hunting ~~license~~ licenses
25 received, an owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's
26 family and the tenant or a member of the tenant's family may
27 purchase a deer hunting license for any option offered to
28 paying deer hunting licensees. An owner of a farm unit or a
29 member of the owner's family and the tenant or a member of the
30 tenant's family may also purchase two additional antlerless
31 deer hunting licenses which are valid only on the farm unit
32 for a fee of ten dollars each.

33 d. If the commission establishes a deer hunting season to
34 occur in the first quarter of a calendar year that is separate
35 from a deer hunting season that continues from the last

1 quarter of the preceding calendar year, each owner and each
2 tenant of a farm unit located within a zone where a deer
3 hunting season is established, upon application, shall be
4 issued a one free deer hunting license for each-of the two
5 first calendar quarters quarter of the calendar year, and two
6 free deer hunting licenses for the last quarter of the
7 preceding calendar year, one of which shall be an antlerless
8 only deer hunting license. Each license is valid only for
9 hunting on the farm unit of the owner and tenant.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to the issuance of special free deer and
12 wild turkey hunting licenses to certain landowners and tenants
13 and their families. The bill provides that an owner of a farm
14 unit or a member of the owner's family or a tenant or a member
15 of a tenant's family may, upon application, receive one free
16 any sex deer license, one free antlerless deer license, and
17 one free wild turkey license that are valid only on the farm
18 unit for which the applicant qualifies under the bill.
19 Currently, an owner or a member of the owner's family may each
20 receive one free deer license and one free wild turkey
21 license.

22 The bill redefines a "farm unit" to mean that all parcels
23 of land must be in tracts of 10 acres or more.

24 The bill also provides that if the natural resource
25 commission establishes a deer hunting season in the first
26 quarter of a calendar year that is separate from a deer
27 hunting season in the last quarter of the preceding calendar
28 year, an owner and tenant of a farm unit located within a zone
29 where such deer hunting seasons are established may apply for
30 one free deer hunting license for the first calendar quarter
31 of the calendar year, and two free deer hunting licenses for
32 the last quarter of the preceding calendar year, one of which
33 shall be an antlerless only deer license.

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