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HOUSE FILE 750
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 304)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to deer population management and providing
2 penalties and appropriations.

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

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HF-750

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 2, paragraphs f
2 through u, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

- 3 f. Deer hunting license, antlerless deer only, required
4 with the purchase of an antlered or any sex deer hunting
5 license \$100.00
6 ~~f.~~ g. Deer hunting license, antlerless deer only
7 \$150.00
8 ~~g.~~ h. Wild turkey hunting license \$100.00
9 ~~h.~~ i. Fur harvester license \$200.00
10 ~~i.~~ j. Fur dealer license \$501.00
11 ~~j.~~ k. Location permit for fur dealers \$ 56.00
12 ~~k.~~ l. Aquaculture unit license \$ 56.00
13 ~~l.~~ m. Retail bait dealer license \$125.00
14 or the amount for the same type of license in the
15 nonresident's state, whichever is greater
16 ~~m.~~ n. Trout fishing fee \$ 13.00
17 ~~n.~~ o. Game breeder license \$ 26.00
18 ~~o.~~ p. Taxidermy license \$ 26.00
19 ~~p.~~ q. Falconry license \$ 26.00
20 ~~q.~~ r. Wildlife habitat fee \$ 8.00
21 ~~r.~~ s. Migratory game bird fee \$ 8.00
22 ~~s.~~ t. Fishing license, three-day \$ 15.50
23 ~~t.~~ u. Wholesale bait dealer license \$250.00
24 or the amount for the same type of license in the
25 nonresident's state, whichever is greater
26 ~~u.~~ v. Fishing license, one-day \$ 8.50

27 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsections 1, 3, and 6, Code
28 2005, are amended to read as follows:

29 1. A resident hunting deer who is required to have a
30 hunting license must have a resident hunting license in
31 addition to the deer hunting license and must pay the wildlife
32 habitat fee. In addition, a resident who purchases a deer
33 hunting license shall pay a one dollar fee that shall be used
34 and is appropriated for the purpose of assisting with the cost
35 of processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program

1 administered by the commission.

2 3. a. A nonresident hunting deer is required to have a
3 nonresident hunting license and a nonresident deer license and
4 must pay the wildlife habitat fee. In addition, a nonresident
5 who purchases a deer hunting license shall pay a one dollar
6 fee that shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of
7 assisting with the cost of processing deer donated to the help
8 us stop hunger program administered by the commission.

9 b. A nonresident who purchases an antlered or any sex deer
10 hunting license pursuant to section 483A.1, subsection 2,
11 paragraph "e", is required to purchase an antlerless deer only
12 deer hunting license at the same time, pursuant to section
13 483A.1, subsection 2, paragraph "f".

14 c. The commission shall annually limit to eight six
15 thousand five-hundred-licenses the number of nonresidents
16 allowed to have antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Of
17 the first six thousand nonresident antlered or any sex deer
18 licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the
19 licenses shall be bow season licenses and after. After the
20 first six thousand antlered or any sex nonresident deer
21 licenses have been issued, an additional two thousand five
22 hundred licenses shall be issued available for issuance for
23 antlerless deer only.

24 d. The commission shall allocate the all nonresident deer
25 hunting licenses issued among the zones based on the
26 populations of deer. However, a nonresident applicant may
27 request one or more hunting zones, in order of preference, in
28 which the applicant wishes to hunt. If the request cannot be
29 fulfilled, the applicable fees shall be returned to the
30 applicant. A nonresident applying for a deer hunting license
31 must exhibit proof of having successfully completed a hunter
32 safety and ethics education program as provided in section
33 483A.27 or its equivalent as determined by the department
34 before the license is issued.

35 6. The commission shall provide by rule for the annual

1 issuance to a nonresident of a nonresident antlerless deer
2 hunting license that is valid for use only during the period
3 beginning on December 24~~7~~-2003~~7~~, and ending at sunset on
4 January 2~~7~~-2004 of the following year, and costs fifty
5 dollars. A nonresident hunting deer with a license issued
6 under this subsection shall be otherwise qualified to hunt
7 deer in this state and shall have a nonresident hunting
8 license, and pay the wildlife habitat fee, and pay the one
9 dollar fee for the help us stop hunger program as provided in
10 subsection 3. Pursuant to this subsection, the commission
11 shall make available for issuance only the remaining
12 nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under
13 subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the 2003--2004
14 current year's nonresident antlerless deer hunting seasons.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 483A.8A DEER HARVEST REPORTING
16 SYSTEM.

17 1. The commission shall provide, by rule, for the
18 establishment of a deer harvest reporting system for the
19 purpose of collecting information from deer hunters concerning
20 the deer population in this state. Each person who is issued
21 a deer hunting license in this state shall report such
22 information pursuant to this section. Information collected
23 by the commission pursuant to the deer harvest reporting
24 system from a deer hunter who takes a deer shall be limited to
25 the following:

- 26 a. The county where the deer was taken.
 - 27 b. The season during which the deer was taken.
 - 28 c. The sex of the deer taken.
 - 29 d. The age of the deer taken.
 - 30 e. The type of weapon used.
 - 31 f. The hunting license number of the hunter.
 - 32 g. The number of days the hunter hunted.
 - 33 h. The total number of deer taken by the hunter.
- 34 2. The deer harvest reporting system established by the
35 commission shall utilize and is limited to utilizing one or

1 more of the following methods of reporting deer taken by
2 hunters:

- 3 a. A toll-free telephone number.
- 4 b. A postcard.
- 5 c. Reporting at an electronic licensing location.
- 6 d. Electronic internet communication.

7 Sec. 4. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, Code 2005, is
8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", upon
10 written application on forms furnished by the department, the
11 department shall issue annually without fee two deer hunting
12 licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting license and one
13 antlerless deer only deer hunting license, to the owner of a
14 farm unit or a member of the owner's family, but only two
15 licenses for both, and to the tenant of a farm unit or a
16 member of the tenant's family, but only two licenses for both.
17 The deer hunting licenses issued shall be valid only for use
18 on the farm unit for which the applicant applies pursuant to
19 this paragraph and shall be equivalent to the least
20 restrictive license issued under section 481A.38. The owner
21 or the tenant need not reside on the farm unit to qualify for
22 the free deer hunting licenses to hunt on that farm unit. The
23 free hunting licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall
24 be valid during all shotgun deer seasons and the licenses may
25 be used to harvest deer in two different seasons. In
26 addition, a person who receives a free deer hunting license
27 pursuant to this paragraph shall pay a one dollar fee that
28 shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of assisting
29 with the cost of processing deer donated to the help us stop
30 hunger program administered by the commission.

31 Sec. 5. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraphs c and d,
32 Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

33 e- d. In addition to the free deer hunting license
34 licenses received pursuant to paragraph "b" or "c", an owner
35 of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family and the

1 tenant or a member of the tenant's family may purchase a deer
2 hunting license for any option offered to paying deer hunting
3 licensees. An owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's
4 family and the tenant or a member of the tenant's family may
5 also purchase two additional antlerless deer hunting licenses
6 which are valid only on the farm unit for a fee of ten dollars
7 each.

8 ~~d~~ e. If the commission establishes a deer hunting season
9 to occur in the first quarter of a calendar year that is
10 separate from a deer hunting season that continues from the
11 last quarter of the preceding calendar year, each owner and
12 each tenant of a farm unit located within a zone where a deer
13 hunting season is established, upon application, shall be
14 issued a free deer hunting license for each of the two
15 calendar quarters. Each license is valid only for hunting on
16 the farm unit of the owner and tenant.

17 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 483A.24B SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.

18 1. The commission may establish a special season deer hunt
19 for antlerless deer in those counties where paid antlerless
20 only deer hunting licenses remain available for issuance.

21 2. Antlerless deer may be taken by shotgun, muzzleloading
22 rifle, muzzleloading pistol, handgun, or bow during the
23 special season as provided by the commission by rule.

24 3. Prior to December 15, a resident may obtain up to three
25 paid antlerless only deer hunting licenses for the special
26 season regardless of how many paid or free gun or bow deer
27 hunting licenses the person may have already obtained.

28 Beginning December 15, a resident or nonresident may purchase
29 an unlimited number of antlerless only deer hunting licenses
30 for the special season. Notwithstanding section 483A.1, the
31 fee for an antlerless only deer hunting license issued
32 pursuant to this section shall be ten dollars for residents.

33 4. All antlerless deer hunting licenses issued pursuant to
34 this section shall be included in the quotas established by
35 the commission by rule for each county and shall be available

1 in each county only until the quota established by the
2 commission for that county is filled.

3 5. The daily bag and possession limit during the special
4 season is one deer per license. The tagging requirements are
5 the same as for the regular gun season.

6 6. A person who receives a license pursuant to this
7 section shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this
8 state and shall have a hunting license and pay the wildlife
9 habitat fee.

10 7. A person violating a provision of this section or a
11 rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a simple
12 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation as provided in
13 section 483A.42.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill contains various provisions relating to
16 management of the deer population in this state.

17 Code section 483A.8, subsections 1 and 3, are amended to
18 provide that a resident or a nonresident who purchases a deer
19 hunting license must pay a one dollar fee that shall be used
20 and is appropriated for the purpose of assisting with the cost
21 of processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program
22 administered by the natural resource commission.

23 Code section 483A.8, subsection 3, is also amended to
24 provide that a nonresident who purchases an antlered or any
25 sex deer hunting license pursuant to Code section 483A.1,
26 subsection 2, is required to purchase an antlerless deer only
27 deer hunting license at the same time for \$100. A
28 corresponding change is made in Code section 483A.1.

29 Code section 483A.8, subsection 3, is amended to provide
30 that the commission is limited to issuing 6,000 nonresident
31 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses per year and that
32 after those licenses have been issued an additional 2,500
33 licenses shall be available for issuance for antlerless deer
34 only. The bill also provides that all nonresident deer
35 hunting licenses issued shall be allocated by the commission

1 among zones based on the populations of deer.

2 Code section 483A.8, subsection 6, is amended to allow the
3 commission to continue to provide by rule for the issuance of
4 nonresident deer hunting licenses for use only during the
5 period beginning on December 24 of each year and ending on
6 January 2 of the following year. The bill also provides that
7 a person who obtains such a license is required to pay the one
8 dollar fee for the help us stop hunger program as provided in
9 Code section 483A.8, subsection 3, as amended in the bill.

10 The bill contains new Code section 483A.8A which requires
11 the commission to establish, by rule, a deer harvest reporting
12 system for the purpose of collecting information from deer
13 hunters concerning the deer population in the state. Each
14 person who is issued a deer hunting license in this state is
15 required to report such information as is required by the bill
16 by one or more of the reporting methods set forth in the bill.

17 Code section 483A.24 is amended to provide that upon
18 written application, the department shall issue annually
19 without fee one antlered or any sex deer hunting license and
20 one antlerless deer only deer hunting license to the owner of
21 a farm unit or a member of the owner's family, but only two
22 licenses for both, and to the tenant of a farm unit or a
23 member of the tenant's family, but only two licenses for both.
24 A person who receives a free deer hunting license pursuant to
25 this provision is required to pay a one dollar fee for the
26 purpose of assisting with the cost of processing deer donated
27 to the help us stop hunger program.

28 The bill adds new Code section 483A.24B allowing the
29 commission to establish special season deer hunts for
30 antlerless deer in those counties where paid antlerless only
31 deer hunting licenses remain available for issuance. Prior to
32 December 15, a resident may obtain up to three paid antlerless
33 deer only deer hunting licenses regardless of how many paid or
34 free deer hunting licenses the person has obtained. Beginning
35 December 15, a resident or nonresident may purchase an

1 unlimited number of antlerless deer only deer hunting licenses
2 for the special season. Licenses issued for the special
3 season are included in the quotas established by the
4 commission for each county and are available in each county
5 only until the quota for that county is filled. A person who
6 receives a license for the special season must be otherwise
7 qualified to hunt deer in this state. A person who violates
8 this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a
9 scheduled violation with a fine of \$100.

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Fiscal Note

HF 750 - Deer Harvest (LSB 2270 HV)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

House File 750 makes the following changes related to deer hunting:

- Increases the non-resident hunting license fee from \$80 to \$100.
- Specifies 6,000 non-resident hunters that purchase an any sex deer license must purchase an additional antlerless deer license for \$100.
- Specifies all resident and non-resident hunters pay a \$1.00 fee for the Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) Program.
- Requires all hunters to report the number of deer harvested or pay a \$10 penalty.
- Requires the Natural Resource Commission to adopt Administrative Rules defining a farm unit.
- Specifies the DNR adopt Administrative Rules for special deer hunts.
- Specifies the DNR enforce Administrative Rules regarding deer depredation permits.

Background

The number of deer and vehicle collision accidents has increased in Iowa. During 2004, there were 18,000 accidents in Iowa with at an estimated cost of \$60.0 million to insurance companies. During the same time period, the DNR sold 28,000 additional deer licenses (23,000 antlerless deer) and reported that 2,000 deer were donated to the HUSH Program. The HUSH Program allows hunters to donate harvested deer to designated food lockers where the meat is processed and then donated to the Iowa Food Bank.

Assumptions

1. It is estimated that 340,000 residents and 15,000 non-residents will purchase licenses and pay the \$1.00 HUSH Program fee for total revenue of \$355,000.
2. It is estimated that 6,000 non-resident hunters will pay the \$20 increase to purchase a non-resident hunting license and pay an additional \$100 to purchase an antlerless deer license.
3. It is estimated 3,000 non-resident hunters will pay the \$20 increase to purchase a non-resident hunting license to hunt antlerless deer.
4. It is estimated 20,000 hunters will pay the \$10 penalty for not reporting harvested deer.
5. It is estimated the expenditures for hunters reporting harvested deer is \$640,000 per year.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of HF 750 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 750 is an increase in revenue of \$355,000 for the HUSH Program and an increase in revenue of \$340,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund for FY 2006 and each following year.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

March 15, 2005

The fiscal note and correctional 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 Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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Fiscal Note

HF 750 - Deer Harvest (LSB 2270 HV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version - Revised

Description

House File 750 makes the following changes related to deer hunting:

- Specifies 6,000 non-resident hunters that purchase an any sex deer license must purchase an additional antlerless deer license for \$100.
- Specifies all resident and non-resident hunters pay a \$1.00 fee for the Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) Program.
- Requires the Natural Resource Commission to establish a deer harvest reporting system.
- Specifies the Natural Resource Commission to establish special deer hunts in counties where antlerless deer licenses remain available for issuance. This allows a resident hunter to purchase up to three licenses prior to December 15, and after December 15, a resident or non-resident can purchase an unlimited number of antlerless deer licenses. The resident fee is \$10.00.

Background

The number of deer and vehicle collision accidents has increased in Iowa. During 2004, there were 18,000 accidents in Iowa with at an estimated cost of \$60.0 million to insurance companies. During the same time period, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sold 28,000 additional deer licenses (23,000 antlerless deer) and reported that 2,000 deer were donated to the HUSH Program. The HUSH Program allows hunters to donate harvested deer to designated food lockers where the meat is processed and then donated to the Iowa Food Bank.

Assumptions

1. It is estimated that 340,000 residents and 15,000 non-residents will purchase licenses and pay the \$1.00 HUSH Program fee for total revenue of \$355,000.
2. It is estimated that 6,000 non-resident hunters will pay the additional \$100 to purchase an antlerless deer license for revenue of \$600,000.
3. It is estimated the expenditures for hunters reporting harvested deer is \$640,000 per year.
4. The number of special deer hunt licenses sold is unknown.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of HF 750 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 750 is an increase in revenue of \$955,000 with \$355,000 for the HUSH Program and an increase in expenditures of \$640,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. The net impact is an increase of \$315,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund for FY 2006 and each following fiscal year.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

March 16, 2005

The fiscal note and correctional 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 Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
