

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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Chapter 98, Wild Turkey Spring Hunting NOIA

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Dr. Dale Garner, Wildlife Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
July 9, 2009

Attached: Chapter 98, Wild Turkey Spring Hunting Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]
Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 98, "Wild Turkey Spring Hunting," Iowa Administrative Code.

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Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before August 18, 2009. Such written materials should be directed to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Bureau at (515)281-5918 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

There will be a public hearing on August 18, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Fourth Floor East Conference Room of the Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should inform the Department of Natural Resources of specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1, 483A.7 and 483A.24.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571—98(483A) by adopting **new** subrule 98.9(5) as follows:

98.9(5) Special licenses. The commission shall issue licenses in conformance with Iowa Code section 483A.24(10) to nonresidents 21 years of age or younger with a severe physical disability or who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. A person applying for this license must provide a completed form obtained from the department of natural resources. The application shall be certified by the applicant's attending physician with an original signature and declare that the applicant has a severe mental or physical disability or a life threatening illness using the criteria listed in Iowa Administrative Code 571--15. A medical statement from the applicant's attending physician specifying criteria met shall be on 8 inch by 11 ½ inch letterhead stationary. The attending physician shall be a currently practicing doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

ITEM 2. Amend 571—Chapter 98, implementation paragraph, as follows:

Rules 98.9(483A) to 98.15(483A) ~~and 98.16(481A)~~ are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1, ~~and~~ 483A.7 and 483A.24.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director