

HOUSE BILL No. 1585

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-2.

Synopsis: Deer hunting bag limits. Requires the director of the department of natural resources to increase the seasonal bag limit for deer in the 30 counties that had the highest number of collisions involving deer and motor vehicles during the previous year.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. (a) **Subject to**
3 **section 8 of this chapter**, the director shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2
4 to do the following:
- 5 (1) Establish, open, close, lengthen, suspend, or shorten seasons.
 - 6 (2) Establish bag, sex, and size limits.
 - 7 (3) Establish limitations on the numbers of hunters and fishermen.
 - 8 (4) Establish the methods, means, and time of:
 - 9 (A) taking, chasing, transporting, and selling; or
 - 10 (B) attempting to take, transport, or sell;
 - 11 wild animals or exotic mammals, with or without dogs, in Indiana
12 or in a designated part of Indiana.
 - 13 (5) Establish other necessary rules to do the following:
 - 14 (A) Administer this chapter.
 - 15 (B) Properly manage wild animals or exotic mammals in a
16 designated water or land area of Indiana.
 - 17 (6) Set aside and designate land or water or parts of the land or



1 water owned, controlled, or under contract or acquired by the
2 state for conservation purposes as a public hunting and fishing
3 ground under the restrictions, conditions, and limitations that are
4 determined to be appropriate.

5 (b) Rules:

- 6 (1) may be adopted only after thorough investigation; and
- 7 (2) must be based upon data relative to the following:
 - 8 (A) The welfare of the wild animal.
 - 9 (B) The relationship of the wild animal to other animals.
 - 10 (C) The welfare of the people.

11 (c) Whenever the director determines that it is necessary to adopt
12 rules, the director shall comply with the following:

- 13 (1) Rules must clearly describe and set forth any applicable
14 changes.
- 15 (2) The director shall make or cause to be made a periodic review
16 of the rules.
- 17 (3) A copy of each rule, as long as the rule remains in force and
18 effect, shall be included and printed in each official compilation
19 of the Indiana fish and wildlife law.

20 (d) The director may modify or suspend a rule for a time not to
21 exceed one (1) year under IC 4-22-2-37.1.

22 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-2-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
23 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
24 1, 2009]: **Sec. 8. (a) The director shall establish a seasonal bag limit
25 for deer as follows:**

- 26 **(1) For each of the thirty (30) counties that had the highest**
27 **number of collisions involving deer and motor vehicles in**
28 **2008, as reported by the state police department, the bag limit**
29 **for the 2009 deer hunting season must be at least two (2) times**
30 **greater than the 2008 deer hunting season bag limit for the**
31 **county.**
- 32 **(2) For each of the thirty (30) counties that had the highest**
33 **number of collisions involving deer and motor vehicles in**
34 **2009, as reported by the state police department, the bag limit**
35 **for the 2010 deer hunting season must be at least two (2) times**
36 **greater than the 2008 deer hunting season bag limit for the**
37 **county.**
- 38 **(3) For each of the thirty (30) counties that had the highest**
39 **number of collisions involving deer and motor vehicles in**
40 **2010, as reported by the state police department, the bag limit**
41 **for the 2011 deer hunting season must be at least two (2) times**
42 **greater than the 2008 deer hunting season bag limit for the**

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1 **county.**
2 **(b) This section expires July 1, 2012.**

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