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Young sponsors bill to increase food donations

A unanimous vote sends the bill to senate floor for full consideration

INDIANAPOLIS –Legislation sponsored by State Senator Richard D. Young, Jr. (D-Milltown), and recommended unanimously by the Senate Natural Resources Committee, will establish a procedure to collect voluntary donations for a hunters' food donation program when hunting licenses are sold.

House Bill 1064 establishes a procedure to collect donations for the Indiana Sportsmen's Benevolence Account when a hunting license is sold. This account covers the cost of processing donated wild game that is used to help feed Indiana's hungry. The introduced version of the bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.

"My hopes are that the bill will provide a substantial amount of the funding that's needed to get the donation from processing to the people that are in need," said Sen. Young.

In 2007 the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sold 361,000 hunting licenses, and in 2008 the DNR sold 387,000 licenses. The minimum suggested donation is \$1.

According to committee testimony presented today, the bill is supported by the Food Aid Association and Indiana Wildlife Federation and Sportsmen's Roundtable.

House Bill 1064 will now go before the full Senate for further consideration.

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