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Young bill to increase food donations passes through Senate

INDIANAPOLIS –Legislation sponsored by State Senator Richard D. Young, Jr. (D-Milltown) that will establish a procedure to collect voluntary donations for a hunters' food donation program when hunting licenses are sold was passed by a unanimous vote in the Senate today.

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.

"This legislation allows people that purchase hunting licenses to voluntarily give a donation that will be used to provide food to Indiana's hungry," 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.

The bill is supported by the Food Aid Association and Indiana Wildlife Federation and Sportsmen's Roundtable.

HB 1064 will now be sent to the governor to be signed into law or vetoed.

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