

SB 235 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

enabling funds from the Pitman-Robertson Act to be spent by the fish and game department on threatened and endangered species in New Hampshire and allowing the fish and game department to collect donations at sites approved by the executive director.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. Ouellet, Coos 3; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE:

Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables funds from the Pitman-Robertson Act to be spent by the fish and game department on threatened and endangered species in New Hampshire.

This bill also allows the executive director of the fish and game department to approve collection points for donations around the state.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~.

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Limitation on Certain Funds; Pitman Robertson Funds. Amend RSA 212-A:15 to read as
2 follows:

3 212-A:15 Limitation on Certain Funds. On the effective date of this chapter with the exception
4 of the expenditures that are then authorized from the fish and game fund, no funds used to carry out
5 the provisions of this chapter shall be derived from license fees of hunters, fishermen, **or** trappers [~~or~~
6 ~~from taxes on the sale of the equipment to hunters, fishermen or trappers~~] unless the species for
7 which the funds are expended have been legally hunted, fished or trapped within the previous 5-year
8 period.

9 2 New Section; Funds Paid from Collected Donations. Amend RSA 206 by inserting after
10 section 33-g the following new section:

11 206:33-h Funds Paid from Collected Donations. The executive director may approve donation
12 collection points and may accept funds paid from such donation collection points within the state of
13 New Hampshire. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the executive director
14 may accept and receive such funds without the approval of the governor, the governor and council, or
15 the commission. All moneys received under this section shall be deposited into the fish and game
16 fund established under RSA 206:33 and used solely for the purposes set forth in RSA 206:34-a. The
17 executive director may invest in technology necessary to enable the solicitation and collection of
18 donations.

19 3 Fish and Game Fund. Amend RSA 206:34-a to read as follows:

20 206:34-a Use of Fish and Game Funds. All revenues accruing from sales of licenses and
21 permits, ***donations solicited and collected at donation collection points approved by the***
22 ***executive director***, and any other revenue received by the department, and any money reimbursed
23 or granted to the department by the state or federal government for fish, game, and wildlife
24 conservation or related programs shall be used solely for conservation, restoration, management,
25 educational benefit, recreational use, and scientific study of the fish, game, and wildlife resources of
26 the state, including acquisition of property and general administration of RSA title XVIII. Such
27 funds shall be used for no other purposes.

28 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.