

CHAPTER 132  
SB 235 - FINAL VERSION

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2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

***235***

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

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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.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

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.

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

1 132:1 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 of the  
4 expenditures that are then authorized from the fish and game fund, no funds used to carry out the  
5 provisions of this chapter shall be derived from license fees of hunters, fishermen, *or* trappers [~~or from~~  
6 ~~taxes on the sale of the equipment to hunters, fishermen or trappers~~] unless the species for which the  
7 funds are expended have been legally hunted, fished or trapped within the previous 5-year period.

8 132:2 New Section; Funds Paid from Collected Donations. Amend RSA 206 by inserting after  
9 section 33-g the following new section:

10 206:33-h Funds Paid from Collected Donations. The executive director may approve donation  
11 collection points and may accept funds paid from such donation collection points within the state of New  
12 Hampshire. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the executive director may accept  
13 and receive such funds without the approval of the governor, the governor and council, or the  
14 commission. All moneys received under this section shall be deposited into the fish and game fund  
15 established under RSA 206:33 and used solely for the purposes set forth in RSA 206:34-a. The executive  
16 director may invest in technology necessary to enable the solicitation and collection of donations.

17 132:3 Fish and Game Fund. Amend RSA 206:34-a to read as follows:

18 206:34-a Use of Fish and Game Funds. All revenues accruing from sales of licenses and permits,  
19 ***donations solicited and collected at donation collection points approved by the executive director***, and any  
20 other revenue received by the department, and any money reimbursed or granted to the department by  
21 the state or federal government for fish, game, and wildlife conservation or related programs shall be used  
22 solely for conservation, restoration, management, educational benefit, recreational use, and scientific  
23 study of the fish, game, and wildlife resources of the state, including acquisition of property and general  
24 administration of RSA title XVIII. Such funds shall be used for no other purposes.

132:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 24, 2025  
Effective Date: August 23, 2025