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HUNTING FEE TO PAY FOR GAME DAMAGE TO CROPS

House Bill 5013

Sponsor: Rep. John Llewellyn

Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5013 AS INTRODUCED 9-12-95

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requires persons wishing to hunt wild game to purchase one or more hunting licenses. The bill would amend the act to require hunters to also pay a \$5 fee which would be deposited into the Game Damage Reimbursement Fund (the bill does not provide for the creation of such a fund). One-fifth of the money in the fund would have to be used to pay for fencing of private property that had suffered, or due to its location likely would suffer, game animal damage, in order to protect the property from intruding game animals. The balance of the fund and interest and earnings from it would be used to pay for "verified farm crop damages" caused by game animals.

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