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LD 751 An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws Related to the Training of Dogs and Open Training Seasons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 27 continues a provision in law related to the training of dogs for bear hunting scheduled to be repealed May 1, 2025.

Public Law 2025, chapter 27 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2025.

LD 777 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study Lengthening the Muzzle-loading Season for Deer in Certain Wildlife Management Districts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 35 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study lengthening the six-day muzzle-loading season on deer in wildlife management districts to additional wildlife management districts in the State where winter conditions are less severe. Resolve 2025, chapter 35 also directs the department to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 2026 with findings and recommendations and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 866 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Implement a Landowner Antlerless Deer Permit Gift Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 74 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish and implement a landowner antlerless deer permit gift program. Under the program, a person may purchase an antlerless deer permit for \$12 for a landowner that allows hunting on that landowner's property as a gesture of appreciation. Resolve 2025, chapter 74 directs the department to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 1, 2027 with an update on the program and other outreach activities related to landowners. The report may include recommendations for legislative changes. Resolve 2025, chapter 74 also authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.