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LD 1322 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Enhance Youth Hunting Participation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 44 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, to establish a two-year pilot program to take place in calendar years 2026 and 2027 to enhance youth hunting participation in the State. The program must include expanded youth hunting seasons and outreach initiatives. Resolve 2025, chapter 44 also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a report following each year of the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with information on youth participation data and demographic trends, feedback from participants and stakeholders, the pilot program's impact on youth engagement and conservation awareness and recommendations for pilot program continuation, modification or termination. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the 2027 report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 1430 An Act Regarding the Transfer of Moose Permits to Disabled Veterans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 289 modifies a provision of law governing moose hunting permits by removing language that provides that a disabled veteran who has obtained a moose hunting permit through transfer, as well as a person who has transferred a moose hunting permit to a disabled veteran, is ineligible to obtain another permit until the fourth calendar year after the issuance of the last permit and clarifying that this ineligibility period does not apply to those transferees and transferors.

LD 1478 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Baitfish Wholesaler's Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 248 amends the authorizations and restrictions applying to baitfish wholesaler's licenses. Public Law 2025, chapter 248 removes the restriction that prohibits a license holder from taking or selling suckers, Genus Catostomus, greater than 10 inches in length between April 1st and September 30th of each year. Public Law 2025, chapter 248 also prohibits a license holder from attempting to take from inland waters live baitfish for resale using drop nets through the ice unless the license holder sufficiently marks the holes in the ice by evergreen boughs or fluorescent biodegradable tape.