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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 99, L.D. 123, Bill, "An Act to Protect Deer"

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Amend the bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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Sec. 1. Transfer. Ten thousand dollars in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 are transferred from the Carrying Balances-Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Program to the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for coyote control. These funds are provided to supplement existing resources budgeted by the department for coyote control and must be used to control coyotes in and around deer yards. The commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than April 1, 1999 on the total expenditures in the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 on coyote control and the effectiveness of those expenditures on rebuilding the deer herd.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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The transfer of funds from the Carrying Balances-Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to the Resource Management Services-Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will increase

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 available General Fund resources in the Resource Management
Services-Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program for additional
4 coyote control by \$10,000 annually in fiscal years 1997-98 and
1998-99.

6 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur
some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the
8 Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

14 This is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee
on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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18 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment transfers
\$10,000 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium from the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's carrying account to
20 that department's Bureau of Resource Management for the purpose
of supplementing existing resources budgeted for the control of
22 coyotes.

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The amendment also requires that Commissioner of Inland
26 Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee
of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and
wildlife matters by April 1, 1999 on the total expenditures by
28 the department for coyote control and the effectiveness of those
expenditures on rebuilding the deer herd.