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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1603, L.D. 2104, Bill, "An Act to Further Protect the Nesting Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Further Protect Endangered and Threatened Species Through Better Communication'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Preamble. Whereas, the protection of endangered and threatened species and economic vitality are essential to the overall prosperity and health of the State; and

Whereas, economic activities within the State can be conducted in a manner that affords protection to endangered and threatened species; and

Whereas, timely exchange of information between state agencies and private landowners and foresters is crucial to ensuring economic vitality and the protection of endangered and threatened species; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. The Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife directed to cooperate to ensure timely and accurate information exchange. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation, referred to in this resolve as "the departments,"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 shall evaluate the current systems of communication between those
2 departments and between those departments and private
4 landowners and foresters regarding the location of endangered and
4 threatened species on private property. The departments shall
6 work with interested parties to identify processes that will
6 ensure that information about endangered and threatened species
8 can be disseminated in a timely manner to affected parties. The
8 departments shall report their findings and any proposed
10 legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
10 having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by
12 January 2, 2003.'

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

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18 **'FISCAL NOTE**

18 The Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland
20 Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to
20 submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be
22 absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.'

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26 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and requires
28 the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland
28 Fisheries and Wildlife to evaluate the current systems of
30 communication between the departments and with private landowners
30 and foresters regarding the location of endangered and threatened
32 species on private property. The departments are required to
32 report their findings and any proposed legislation to the joint
34 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
34 inland fisheries and wildlife by January 2, 2003. It also adds a
36 fiscal note.