

HB1735



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

520 ILCS 5/1.31

from Ch. 61, par. 1.31

Amends the Wildlife Code. Provides that the Illinois Conservation Foundation shall invest the moneys of the State Pheasant Fund (now the Department of Natural Resources administers the Fund). Effective July 1, 2007.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section
5 1.31 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/1.31) (from Ch. 61, par. 1.31)

7 Sec. 1.31. Pheasant Fund. There is created in the State
8 Treasury the State Pheasant Fund. All interest earned on monies
9 in this Fund shall remain in the fund.

10 ~~(a)~~ Thirty percent of the money collected from the sale of
11 State Habitat Stamps, and all interest earned, gifts,
12 donations, grants, and bequests of money for the conservation
13 of wild pheasants shall be deposited into the State Pheasant
14 Fund for appropriation to the Illinois Conservation
15 Foundation. The Illinois Conservation Foundation shall invest
16 the moneys in the Fund to provide ~~Department~~ for the following
17 purposes:

18 (1) 50% of funds derived from the sale of State Habitat
19 Stamps and deposited into the State Pheasant Fund, and all
20 interest earned, gifts, donations, grants and bequests of
21 money for the conservation of wild pheasants shall be used
22 by the Department for the conservation of wild pheasants.
23 Before allocating any funds under the provisions of this

1 subsection, the Department shall submit plans for use of
2 the funds to the State Pheasant Committee for its approval.
3 Pheasant conservation projects may include land
4 acquisition, pheasant habitat improvement on public or
5 private land, pheasant research, and education of the
6 public regarding pheasants and pheasant hunting. None of
7 the monies spent under this Section shall be used for
8 administrative expenses.

9 (2) 50% of funds derived from the sale of State Habitat
10 Stamps and deposited into the Pheasant Fund shall be
11 allocated by the Department to appropriate not-for-profit
12 organizations for the purpose of wild pheasant
13 conservation. Before allocating any funds under the
14 provisions of this paragraph (2), the Department shall
15 submit the organizations' plans for use of the funds to the
16 State Pheasant Committee for its approval. By December 31
17 of each year, any organization receiving funds under this
18 paragraph (2) shall report to the Department and the
19 Committee on its use of those funds. Pheasant conservation
20 projects may include land acquisition, pheasant habitat
21 improvement on public or private land, pheasant research,
22 or education of the public regarding pheasants and pheasant
23 hunting.

24 (b) The State Pheasant Committee is created and shall
25 consist of: (1) the Chief of the Wildlife Resources Division or
26 his designee, (2) the Chief of the Land Management Division or

1 his designee, (3) one representative appointed by the Director
2 who is from a nonprofit institution, corporation, or university
3 within the State and is actively engaged in wildlife research
4 pertaining to game birds, especially pheasants, (4) the Chief
5 of the Technical Services Division or his designee, and (5) 2
6 or more representatives from statewide pheasant organizations,
7 appointed by the Director. The Committee shall review and
8 recommend all allocation of funds from the State Pheasant Fund.

9 (c) At the end of each license accounting period, if 30% of
10 the money collected from the sale of State Habitat Stamps and
11 deposited into the State Pheasant Fund is less than \$500,000,
12 the Director shall request a transfer and the State Comptroller
13 and State Treasurer shall transfer from the Illinois Habitat
14 Fund to the State Pheasant Fund the amount necessary to bring
15 the total deposited into the State Pheasant Fund to \$500,000.

16 (Source: P.A. 86-158; 86-1028; 87-135; 87-1015.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
18 2007.