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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; providing for contributions to purchase athletic and outdoor equipment for youths in need; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 97A.055, subdivision 4; 97A.065, by adding a subdivision; 97A.485, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.055, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Game and fish annual reports. (a) By December 15 each year, the commissioner shall submit to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over appropriations and the environment and natural resources reports on each of the following:

(1) the amount of revenue from the following and purposes for which expenditures were made:

(i) the small game license surcharge under section 97A.475, subdivision 4;

(ii) the Minnesota migratory waterfowl stamp under section 97A.475, subdivision 5, clause (1);

(iii) the trout and salmon stamp under section 97A.475, subdivision 10;

(iv) the pheasant stamp under section 97A.475, subdivision 5, clause (2); ~~and~~

(v) the turkey stamp under section 97A.475, subdivision 5, clause (3); and

(vi) the license donations deposited under section 97A.065, subdivision 6;

(2) the amounts available under section 97A.075, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (c), and the purposes for which these amounts were spent;

(3) money credited to the game and fish fund under this section and purposes for which expenditures were made from the fund;

2.1 (4) outcome goals for the expenditures from the game and fish fund; and
 2.2 (5) summary and comments of citizen oversight committee reviews under
 2.3 subdivision 4b.

2.4 (b) The report must include the commissioner's recommendations, if any, for
 2.5 changes in the laws relating to the stamps and surcharge referenced in paragraph (a).

2.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.065, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.7 to read:

2.8 Subd. 6. **License donations.** (a) The donations collected under section 97A.476
 2.9 shall be deposited in a special revenue account and are appropriated to the commissioner
 2.10 for assisting youth in need under the age of 15 to purchase athletic and outdoor recreation
 2.11 equipment.

2.12 (b) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this subdivision, including
 2.13 establishment of criteria for distributing the donations to youth in need.

2.14 (c) The commissioner of human services shall advise the commissioner in
 2.15 determining eligibility for assistance under this subdivision and the most direct way to
 2.16 distribute the money donated.

2.17 Sec. 3. **97A.476] LICENSE DONATIONS.**

2.18 A person purchasing a license under section 97A.473, 97A.474, or 97A.475,
 2.19 subdivisions 2 to 12, may donate money over the cost of the license to be used for youth in
 2.20 need under the age of 15 who do not have the monetary resources to purchase athletic and
 2.21 outdoor recreation equipment. The commissioner must publicize the donation feature both
 2.22 electronically and by print media.

2.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.485, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 7. **Electronic licensing system commission.** The commissioner shall retain
 2.25 for the operation of the electronic licensing system the commission established under
 2.26 section 84.027, subdivision 15, and issuing fees collected by the commissioner on all
 2.27 license fees collected, excluding:

2.28 (1) the small game surcharge; ~~and~~

2.29 (2) the license donations under section 97A.476; and

2.30 (3) \$2.50 of the license fee for the licenses in section 97A.475, subdivisions 6,
 2.31 clauses (1), (2), and (4), 7, 8, 12, and 13.

2.32 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.1 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.