

LEGISLATIVE BILL 788

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Introduced by Schrock, 38

AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999; to create the Game Law Investigation Cash Fund; to provide duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) The Game Law Investigation Cash Fund is created. The commission shall use the fund for the purpose of obtaining evidence for enforcement of the Game Law. The fund shall be funded through revenue collected under the Game Law and budgeted or allocated to the fund by the commission, and through donations from persons, wildlife groups, and other charitable sources. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(2) For the purpose of establishing and maintaining legislative oversight and accountability, the commission shall formulate record-keeping procedures for all expenditures, disbursements, and transfers of cash from the Game Law Investigation Cash Fund. Based on these record-keeping procedures, the commission shall prepare and deliver to the Clerk of the Legislature by September 15 of each year a detailed report of the previous fiscal year which includes, but is not limited to: (a) The June 30 balance in the Game Law Investigation Cash Fund and the amounts delivered to the commission for distribution to agents and informants; (b) the total amount of expenditures; (c) the purpose of the expenditures including: (i) Salaries and any expenses of all agents and informants; (ii) front money for wildlife purchases; (iii) type of wildlife and amount purchased; and (iv) amount of front money recovered; (d) the total number of informants on payroll; and (e) the results procured through such transactions. Each member of the Legislature shall receive a copy of such report by making a request for it to the secretary of the commission.

(3) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

Sec. 2. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999, is amended to read:

37-201. Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

Sec. 3. Original section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999, is repealed.