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CHECK-OFFS FOR ANTI-POACHING PROGRAMS

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House Bill 5628

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Committee: Tourism, Fisheries, &
Wildlife

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5628 AS INTRODUCED 3-22-90

The revenue credited to Wildlife Resource Protection Fund is used for anti-poaching programs and rewards for information leading to the arrest of poachers. Under the bill, a person could make a voluntary contribution to the fund in any amount at the time the person purchased a license or stamp under the Hunting and Fishing License Act. The bill would amend the act to provide that applications for a license or stamp include a check-off box for contributing to the Wildlife Resource Protection Fund. A person who wished to make a contribution would indicate that intention by marking the designated box with the amount of the contribution and making payment to the vendor issuing the license or stamp.

Currently, the fund exists within the Department of Natural Resources. The bill would transfer the fund from the department to the state treasury and require the treasurer to credit money received from the department to the Wildlife Resource Protection Fund.

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