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Senate Bill 977 (Substitute S-4)
Sponsor: Senator Joel D. Gougeon
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

Date Completed: 5-14-98

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licenses) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide that the Department of Natural Resources would be required to use lawful hunting by licensed members of the public as the preferred method of reducing game populations.

Under current law, "game" includes deer, as well as badger, bear, beaver, bobcat, brant, coot, coyote, crow, duck, elk fisher, Florida gallinule, fox geese, hare, Hungarian partridge, marten, mink, moose, muskrat, opossum, otter, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, ruffed grouse, sharptailed grouse, skunk, snipe, sora rail, squirrels, weasel, wild turkey, woodchuck, woodcock, and Virginia rail.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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