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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4026 (S-1) – Provide for 2-Year Recreation Passport Renewal – Rep. Eisen

This bill would amend the Motor Vehicle Code to allow for a 2-year renewal of the Recreation Passport when an individual obtains a 2-year vehicle registration.

- The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and Senate and signed into law by the Governor. The bill is Public Act 96 of 2021.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 4969 – Require Conservation Officers to Wear Body Cameras While on Patrol – Rep. LaFave

House Bill 4969 would amend Act 109 of 1986 to require conservation officers to wear body cameras while on patrol.

- The bill was reported with recommendation from the House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HBs 5358-5360 – Provide Regulations for Commercial Hunting and Sport Fishing Guides – Reps. Howell, Cherry and Martin

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to provide for the licensure and regulation of commercial hunting and sport fishing guides and to provide the Natural Resources Commission with the exclusive authority to regulate hunting and fishing guides.

- The bills have been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 5388 – Update the Department’s Strategic Land Management Plan – Rep. Howell

The bill provides the latest Department strategic land management plan to the legislature for approval as is required under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994.

- The bill was reported with recommendation from the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 5390 – Allow for Year-Round Squirrel Hunting – Rep. S. Johnson

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to allow for year-round squirrel hunting without a license.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HBs 5408-5410 – Modify Recreation Passport Fee – Reps. Cherry, Howell and Roth

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to modify the recreation passport fee allowing for additional options for the recreation passport fee selection when renewing vehicle registration thru the Secretary of State.

- The bills have been referred to the House Committee on Transportation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position legislation.

SB 590 – Require Conservation Officers to Wear Body Cameras While on Patrol – Sen. McBroom

Senate Bill 590 would amend Act 109 of 1986 to require conservation officers to wear body cameras while on patrol.

- The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.