

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2543

By Representative W. Carpenter

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AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; requiring an annual reimbursement to the Kansas department of wildlife and parks for lost revenue from free or discounted hunting and fishing licenses, permits or passes that were established by legislative enactment on or after July 1, 2027; requiring the department to maintain an accounting of lost revenue and submit such accounting to the director of accounts and reports and the state treasurer by June 30 of each fiscal year; requiring that such accounting be subject to audits by the state treasurer; making an annual transfer from the state general fund to the wildlife fee fund upon certification of such accounting, subject to appropriation acts of the legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a)-(t) The Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall be reimbursed for lost revenue resulting from the issuance of any free or partially discounted hunting and fishing license, permit or pass that was established by legislative enactment on or after July 1, 2027, in an amount equal to the amount of lost revenue from such discounts.

~~(2) This section shall also apply to lost revenue resulting from any exemption to hunting and fishing license, permit or pass that was established by statute on or after July 1, 2027, in an amount equal to the amount of lost revenue from such exemptions.~~

(b) (1) The department shall maintain an accounting of such lost revenue and certify and submit such accounting to the director of accounts and reports and the state treasurer on or before June 30 of each fiscal year for the reimbursement of such lost revenue from the state general fund.

(2) Such accounting and any other records relating to the accounting shall be subject to audit by the state treasurer.

(c) Upon receipt of certification of such accounting, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, and subject to appropriation acts of the legislature, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer an amount equal to such accounting from the state general fund to the wildlife fee fund of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks. Each time that the department transmits such certification to the director of accounts and reports and the state treasurer, the department shall transmit a copy to the director of the budget and the director of legislative research.

1 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.