

Subject Critical Habitat License Plates

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Overview

This bill would modify provisions related to the state's critical habitat license plates, including reducing matching requirements and dedicating revenues raised by the different license plate types for specific purposes.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Appropriations matched by private funds.</p> <p>Allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to spend two dollars for every dollar of private and nongame wildlife management account contributions. Under current law, the DNR may spend one dollar for every dollar.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Pledges and contributions.</p> <p>Removes provisions governing the appropriation and expenditure of critical habitat plate revenues which are being replaced with new provisions in the next section.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Expenditures.</p> <p>Appropriates money from the critical habitat private sector matching account to the DNR and dedicates revenues from critical habitat plates for different purposes depending on the design of the plate. Revenue from plates depicting a loon, big game, turkey, and pheasants are dedicated to land acquisition as all plates are under current law. Other plate revenues are dedicated for different purposes. For example, revenues from plates depicting anglers and fish are dedicated for aquatic management purposes and revenue from plates depicting bees or other pollinators are transferred to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BSWR) for grants or payments to plant residential lawns with pollinator friendly vegetation.</p> |



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