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Overview

This bill contains several DNR agency initiatives. The bill authorizes thorough criminal background checks for volunteer workers, modifies certain ATV safety training provisions, requires courts to report certain driving while impaired offenses, allows for seizure and forfeiture of boat trailers, modifies rules regarding gun safety training, and specifies uses for certain lawful gambling profits.

Section

- 1 Background Checks for volunteer instructors.** Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to conduct comprehensive criminal background checks for volunteer instructors. Allows the commissioner to use the criminal justice information system (CJIS) for background checks authorized by this section. Requires the commissioner to establish standardized forms for requesting background checks. Provides rights of the volunteer applicant.
- 2 Acts prohibited.** Requires courts to "promptly forward" to the commissioner of natural resources copies of all convictions and criminal and civil sanctions imposed for a violation chapter 169 (driving regulations) and 169A (driving while impaired). Currently, the statute only refers to chapter 169. This change makes it clear that the DNR should be notified of DWI offenses as well.
- 3 Prohibitions on youthful operators.** Allows for any size ATV to be used in the ATV training program for youths as long as the student fits the machine. Authorizes students who complete the course to operate any ATV that fits them.

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- 4** **Establishment.** Eliminates the requirement that the DNR hold a firearms safety class in each school district.
- 5** **Administration, supervision, and enforcement.** Eliminates the commissioner's authority to appoint county directors of hunting safety.
- 6** **Firearms safety certificate.** Clarifies that a firearms safety certificate is not valid until the person attains the age of 12. An 11 year-old may obtain a certificate but the license and certificate are not valid until the child is 12 years old.
- 7** **Firearms safety certificate required.** Clarifies that a previous hunting license only may be used to acquire a future hunting license if the previous license includes a training completion indicator.
- 8** **Vehicle subject to forfeiture.** Specifies that a motorboat that is subject to forfeiture to the DNR includes the trailer upon which the boat is transported.
- 9** **Lawful Purpose.** Authorizes charitable gambling proceeds to be used to fund youth and adult DNR training and education programs. Changes will allow DNR's Enforcement Division to use funds for this purpose.