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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would establish the Freedom to Hunt and Fish Act of 2012 which would allow for the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses in the event of a state shutdown.

- 1 **Citation.** States that the act may be cited as the "Freedom to Hunt and Fish Act of 2012."
- 2 **Electronic transactions.** States that game and fish licenses are available through the electronic licensing system (ELS) even if the biennial appropriation for the Department of Natural Resources has not been enacted. Provides a statutory appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget to carry out this section until the biennial appropriation is enacted.