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HOUSE BILL 181: Wildlife Resources Commission Amendments, Sec. 7: Preparation for Chronic Wasting Disease

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 7 of S.L. 2021-160

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OVERVIEW: Section 7 of S.L. 2021-160 allows the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to declare a wildlife emergency to respond to an outbreak of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the State. Upon declaring a wildlife emergency, WRC is authorized to request needed funding for immediate investigation, containment, and eradication of the outbreak from the Contingency and Emergency Fund to the Council of State following the existing process for requesting an allocation from that fund. WRC is required to simultaneously request any available federal funds to address a CWD outbreak, and those funds would be used to offset State funds appropriated from the Contingency and Emergency Fund.

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BILL ANALYSIS:

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