

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 Whereas, recognizing that chronic wasting disease has
2 impacted the state and threatens Missouri deer, deer hunters,
3 wildlife enthusiasts, and landowners; and

4 Whereas, a disproportionate negative impact on certain areas
5 of the state that depend on a healthy and vibrant deer population
6 has been felt; and

7 Whereas, Missouri jobs, businesses, and communities are
8 strongly supported by the economic activity related to hunting;
9 and

10 Whereas, encouraging a safe, healthy, and lucrative hunting
11 industry in Missouri will give rise to good paying jobs,
12 significant economic development, and profitable recreational
13 activity:

14 Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the
15 Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular
16 Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby
17 create the Missouri Wildlife Revitalization Task Force; and

18 Be It Further Resolved that the mission of the task force
19 shall be to fully consider:

20 (1) Establishing a wildlife focus area in certain areas of
21 the state that have been most negatively impacted by chronic
22 wasting disease;

23 (2) Ways to revitalize hunting and outdoor activities in

1 certain areas of the state after a chronic wasting disease
2 containment plan has been initiated;

3 (3) Legislative proposals including rules and regulations
4 necessary for implementation relating to the promotion of the
5 hunting industry;

6 (4) The effects of chronic wasting disease on certain areas
7 in Missouri, including counties that have experienced confirmed
8 cases of the disease, and how the enactment or establishment of
9 certain proposals may curtail such effects; and

10 Be It Further Resolved that the task force be authorized to
11 call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this
12 state to assist in gathering information pursuant to its
13 objective; and

14 Be It Further Resolved that the task force shall consist of
15 all of the following members:

16 (1) One member of the General Assembly of the majority
17 party appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to
18 serve as the chair of the task force, with preference given to
19 General Assembly members serving the affected area;

20 (2) One member of the General Assembly of the majority
21 party and one member of the General Assembly of the minority
22 party appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to
23 serve as members of the task force, with preference given to
24 General Assembly members serving the affected area; and

25 (3) One member of the General Assembly of the majority
26 party appointed by the Speaker of the House of representatives,
27 with preference given to a General Assembly member serving the
28 affected area, to serve as the vice-chair and secretary of the

1 task force, and who will provide an agenda and report minutes of
2 the task force; and

3 (4) One member of the General Assembly of the majority
4 party and one member of the General Assembly of the minority
5 party appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
6 serve as members of the task force, with preference given to a
7 General Assembly member serving the affected area; and

8 (5) One member from either Pheasants Forever or Quail
9 Forever appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to
10 serve as a member of the task force;

11 (6) One member from National Wild Turkey Federation,
12 Incorporated appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
13 to serve as a member of the task force;

14 (7) One member from Whitetails Unlimited appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve as a member of
16 the task force;

17 (8) One member from the Conservation Federation of Missouri
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve
19 as a member of the task force;

20 (9) Two members owning land in an affected area appointed
21 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as members of
22 the task force;

23 (10) Two members owning land in an affected area appointed
24 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve as
25 members of the task force; and

26 Be It Further Resolved that the staff of Senate Research and
27 House Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,
28 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may

1 require in the performance of its duties; and

2 Be It Further Resolved that the task force, its members, and
3 any staff assigned to the committee shall receive reimbursement
4 for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending
5 meetings of the committee; and

6 Be It Further Resolved that the chair or vice-chair and
7 secretary of the task force shall call an organizational meeting
8 within fifteen days of the adoption of this resolution; and

9 Be It Further Resolved that the task force shall terminate
10 by either a majority of members voting for termination, or by
11 December 31, 2015, whichever occurs first; and

12 Be It Further Resolved that on the date of termination, the
13 task force may deliver a report of findings and recommendations
14 to the General Assembly and the Missouri Department of
15 Conservation; and

16 Be It Further Resolved that this resolution does not amend
17 any state law to which the Department of Conservation or the
18 Department of Agriculture is subject, and shall be interpreted to
19 be consistent with any requirements of such state or federal law;
20 and

21 Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri
22 Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this
23 resolution for the Director of the Department of Conservation.
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