

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1347

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KNIGHT.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 252, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to nest predators.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 252, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 252.032, to read as follows:

252.032. 1. As used in this section, "nest predator" means the following species:

2 **(1) Raccoon;**

3 **(2) Striped skunk;**

4 **(3) Badger;**

5 **(4) Opossum; and**

6 **(5) Red fox.**

7 **2. There is hereby established a nest predator bounty program to promote the**
8 **reduction in numbers of nest predators from the landscape to enhance the nest success**
9 **of ground-nesting birds in this state.**

10 **3. The state department of conservation shall pay a bounty of ten dollars for**
11 **each tail of a nest predator submitted to the department under this section.**

12 **4. The nest predator bounty program shall be subject to the following:**

13 **(1) No household shall receive more than one thousand two hundred dollars**
14 **from the bounty program annually;**

15 **(2) No more than two million dollars shall be disbursed under the bounty**
16 **program annually;**

17 **(3) No individual who is not a resident of this state shall be eligible for a bounty**
18 **under this section;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **(4) No tail of a nest predator that has been harvested outside this state shall be**
20 **eligible for a bounty under this section;**

21 **(5) No tail from a road-killed nest predator is eligible for a bounty under this**
22 **section;**

23 **(6) An individual who desires to harvest nest predators to receive a bounty**
24 **under this section shall obtain a trapping license from the department. This subdivision**
25 **shall not be construed to require a landowner who harvests a nest predator on real**
26 **property owned by such landowner to obtain a trapping license under this subdivision;**

27 **(7) An individual who submits a nest predator tail under this section shall sign a**
28 **legal affidavit attesting to the method, date and time, and location of the harvest of the**
29 **nest predator; and**

30 **(8) Other requirements established by the department.**

31 **5. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
32 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
33 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
34 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
35 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**
36 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**
37 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**
38 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
39 **adopted after the effective date of this section shall be invalid and void.**

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