

## HB 1011 -- Hunting

Sponsor: Hughes

This bill requires the Department of Conservation to establish areas across the state to be designated as six-month hunting seasons for certain animals. The department is required to issue a special two-year hunting license for an individual wishing to hunt in these areas.

In order to hunt in a specific area, a licensee must obtain a permit for each area and a separate tag for each different type of animal he or she is requesting to hunt. The department must establish by rule the cost of special hunting licenses, permits, and tags for each type of animal to be hunted.

The department may limit special hunting areas for specific designated animals, and the areas may be rotated based on the type of animals selected for hunting. No area can be open to hunting more than three different types of animals at one time.

A person hunting in a special hunting area without obtaining a special license will be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and at least 100 hours of community service with the department. A person hunting in a special hunting area with a special license but without a permit or tag will be subject to a fine of up to \$500 and at least 50 hours of community service with the department. A person hunting in a special hunting area with a special license and a permit but without a tag will be subject to a fine of \$50 and up to 25 hours of community service with the department and will be required to take a hunting license class and pay the required fee for a new license and permit. A person hunting in a special hunting area with a special license, permit, and tag but the animals taken exceed the number of tags will be subject to the state penalties imposed for poaching.