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HOUSE BILL NO. 2703

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 252, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to feral hog population controls.

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 known as section 252.005, to read as follows:

252.005. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "County", any county in which public or private landowners have experienced real or personal property losses caused by feral hogs;

(2) "County feral hog task force", any task force established by a county under this section that creates goals for reducing the feral hog population of the county and develops a plan to accomplish the goals and direct the reduction of the county's feral hog population;

(3) "Department", the department of conservation;

(4) "Feral hog", any Russian or European wild boar or other hog that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission;

(5) "Grant", moneys provided by the department to a county for implementing the county's feral hog population reduction goals and plan.

2. (1) The governing body of any county may, by order, ordinance, or resolution, establish a county feral hog task force under this section. The membership, powers, and duties of the task force shall be determined by the governing body, and the task force shall create goals and a plan for reducing the county's feral hog population.

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.

18 **(2) After the task force creates the goals and a plan, the task force shall present the**
19 **goals and plan to the governing body for approval or rejection. If the governing body**
20 **rejects the goals and plan, the task force shall continue developing goals and a plan to**
21 **present to the governing body until the governing body approves the goals and plan. The**
22 **governing body's approval of the plan shall be by a recorded majority vote.**

23 **(3) The task force of any county may cooperate with the task force of any adjacent**
24 **county to jointly develop goals and a plan for all cooperating counties under this section.**

25 **3. (1) The department shall establish a program to provide grants to assist counties**
26 **in reducing the county's feral hog population. Any grant provided under this section shall**
27 **be subject to an appropriation for such purpose.**

28 **(2) Any county that has adopted goals and a plan under subsection 2 of this section**
29 **may apply to the department for a grant as provided in application procedures developed**
30 **by the department. Each county submitting a grant application shall include the county's**
31 **adopted goals and plan and proof of the county governing body's approval as part of the**
32 **county's application.**

33 **(3) (a) If a county's application fulfills all grant application requirements, the**
34 **department shall provide a grant to the county.**

35 **(b) Any county that has adopted goals and a plan under subsection 2 of this section**
36 **may join with any other adjacent county that has adopted goals and a plan to apply for**
37 **grants under this section. If any counties jointly apply for grants under this subsection and**
38 **all applications fulfill all grant application requirements, the department shall provide**
39 **separate grants to each county.**

40 **(4) Any grant provided under this section shall be at least twenty thousand dollars**
41 **per county.**

42 **4. The department may promulgate all necessary rules for the administration of**
43 **this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that**
44 **is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
45 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
46 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**
47 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
48 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
49 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020,**
50 **shall be invalid and void.**

51 **5. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

52 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
53 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by**
54 **an act of the general assembly;**

55 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
56 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
57 **section; and**

58 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
59 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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