



House Bill 4093

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Committee: Tourism, Fisheries & Wildlife

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4093 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-91

The bill would amend the Hunting and Fishing License Act to establish fisheries habitat improvement stamps and the fisheries habitat improvement grant fund in order to provide for the improvement of fisheries habitats.

Stamps. The fisheries habitat improvement stamps would be similar to conservation law enforcement stamps in that the stamps would be issued in the amounts of \$2 and \$5 and that money from the sale of stamps would be contributed to a resource protection fund. In the case of the fisheries improvement stamps, money from the stamps would enable the purchaser of the stamps to contribute to the Fisheries Habitat Improvement Fund.

The fund. The fund would consist of money generated from voluntary contributions to the fisheries habitat improvement program fund and would be appropriated by the legislature for expenditure by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the form of grants to organizations and sports clubs to provide fish habitat improvement measures detailed under the bill. Before approval of a grant was made, projects would have to indicate:

- * consistency with policies and management goals and objectives of the fisheries division of the DNR;
- * public support;
- * handicap accessibility, if feasible and applicable to the nature of the project;
- * that the project would be initiated and completed within the grant cycle of two years;
- * a positive benefit to cost ratio;
- * evidence of land control for the proposed area; and
- * 25 percent matching funds, or services that were determined by the DNR to be appropriate.

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