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Senate Bill 926 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend until 2010 a section that required the Natural Resources Commission to issue an order, effective October 1, 1999, prohibiting deer or elk feeding, unless it is for recreational viewing purposes. Section 40111a is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2004. The bill would delay the repeal until January 1, 2010.

Under this section, the Commission had to issue the required order by September 1, 1999. In addition to prohibiting deer or elk feeding except for recreational viewing purposes, the order must require that food distributed for recreational viewing be placed within 100 yards of the residence of the person engaged in recreational viewing on land owned or possessed by that person.

Section 40111a also permits the Commission to issue an order prohibiting all deer and elk feeding in all or part of the State if the Commission considers the prohibition necessary to manage wildlife populations properly or to control or eradicate disease.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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