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Senate Bill 409 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Jim Barcia

Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise provisions related to the period that a hunting or fishing license or permit is valid.

Currently, all licenses issued under Part 435 are valid from March 1 through March 31 of the following year, except for licenses or permits that are valid for a designated limited season. Under the bill, all licenses issued would be valid from March 1 through March 31 of the following year, or as otherwise provided by order of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would have to designate the period of validity on the license or permit.

At least six months before the NRC issued an order under the bill, the DNR would have to report to the Legislature on how the Department would ensure that the money collected for multiyear licenses or permits was accounted for and allocated to the appropriate fiscal year.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact that depends on the number of multiple-year licenses issued and the interest rate.

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