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SENATE BILL No. 224

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Liability. Establishes various restrictions on landowner liability to recreational users. Provides that various restrictions on landowner liability do not apply to a parcel of land assessed as residential land.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. Except as otherwise
3 provided, the definitions in this article apply throughout this title **and**
4 **312 IAC.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.5. "Adjacent to the affected real property", for**
8 **purposes of IC 14-11-4, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-11-4-1.5.**

9 SECTION 3. IC 14-8-2-57 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
10 2026]. **Sec. 57. "Corporation", for purposes of IC 14-12-3, has the**
11 **meaning set forth in IC 14-12-3-1.**

12 SECTION 4. IC 14-8-2-107, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2022,
13 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 107. "Fund" has the following meaning:

- 15 (1) For purposes of IC 14-9-5, the meaning set forth in
16 IC 14-9-5-1.
- 17 (2) For purposes of IC 14-9-8-21, the meaning set forth in
18 IC 14-9-8-21.
- 19 (3) For purposes of IC 14-9-8-21.5, the meaning set forth in
20 IC 14-9-8-21.5.

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1 (4) For purposes of IC 14-9-9, the meaning set forth in
2 IC 14-9-9-3.

3 (5) For purposes of IC 14-12-1, the meaning set forth in
4 IC 14-12-1-1.

5 (6) For purposes of IC 14-12-2, the meaning set forth in
6 IC 14-12-2-2.

7 (7) For purposes of IC 14-12-3, the meaning set forth in
8 IC 14-12-3-2.

9 (8) (7) For purposes of IC 14-13-1, the meaning set forth in
10 IC 14-13-1-2.

11 (9) (8) For purposes of IC 14-13-2, the meaning set forth in
12 IC 14-13-2-3.

13 (10) (9) For purposes of IC 14-16-1, the meaning set forth in
14 IC 14-16-1-30.

15 (11) (10) For purposes of IC 14-19-8, the meaning set forth in
16 IC 14-19-8-1.

17 (12) (11) For purposes of IC 14-19-11, the meaning set forth in
18 IC 14-19-11-3.1.

19 (13) (12) For purposes of IC 14-20-11, the meaning set forth in
20 IC 14-20-11-2.

21 (14) (13) For purposes of IC 14-22-3, the meaning set forth in
22 IC 14-22-3-1.

23 (15) (14) For purposes of IC 14-22-4, the meaning set forth in
24 IC 14-22-4-1.

25 (16) For purposes of IC 14-22-5, the meaning set forth in
26 IC 14-22-5-1.

27 (17) For purposes of IC 14-22-8, the meaning set forth in
28 IC 14-22-8-1.

29 (18) (15) For purposes of IC 14-22-34, the meaning set forth in
30 IC 14-22-34-2.

31 (19) (16) For purposes of IC 14-23-3, the meaning set forth in
32 IC 14-23-3-1.

33 (20) (17) For purposes of IC 14-25-2-4, the meaning set forth in
34 IC 14-25-2-4.

35 (21) (18) For purposes of IC 14-25-10, the meaning set forth in
36 IC 14-25-10-1.

37 (22) (19) For purposes of IC 14-25-5, the meaning set forth in
38 IC 14-25-5-1-3.

39 (23) (20) For purposes of IC 14-31-2, the meaning set forth in
40 IC 14-31-2-5.

41 (24) (21) For purposes of IC 14-25-12, the meaning set forth in
42 IC 14-25-12-1.

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1 (25) (22) For purposes of IC 14-32-8, the meaning set forth in
2 IC 14-32-8-1.

3 (26) (23) For purposes of IC 14-33-14, the meaning set forth in
4 IC 14-33-14-3.

5 (27) (24) For purposes of IC 14-33-21, the meaning set forth in
6 IC 14-33-21-1.

(28) (25) For purposes of IC 14-34-6-15, the meaning set forth in IC 14-34-6-15

13 (31) (28) For purposes of IC 14-34-19-1.5, the meaning set forth
14 in IC 14-34-19-1.5(a).

(32) (29) For purposes of IC 14-37-10, the meaning set forth in IC 14-37-10-1

SECTION 6. IC 14-8-2-152 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020, SEC. 12A.] Harvest season, for purposes of IC 14-31-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-31-3-4.

²⁰ SECTION 3, 1517.3.2.152 IS RELEASED [EXEMPTIVE SECTION]

²¹ 1, 2026]. See 152, "License" has the following meaning:

1, 2026). SCC 152. "License" has the following meaning.
(+) For purposes of IC 14-11-3-1, the meaning set forth in
IC 14-11-3-1.

(2) For purposes of IC 14-11-4, the meaning set forth in IC 14-11-4.2

25 IC 14-11-4-5.
26 SECTION 7. IC 14-8-2-152.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 152.2. "Licensee", for purposes
29 of IC 14-31-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-31-3-15.

29 of IC 14-31-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-31-3-4.3.

30 SECTION 8. IC 14-8-2-170 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
31 1, 2026]. See. 170. "Municipal corporation", for purposes of
32 IC 14-12-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-12-3-3.

33 SECTION 9. IC 14-8-2-216 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 216. (a) "Program", for
35 purposes of IC 14-12-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-12-3-4.

36 **(b) (a)** "Program", for purposes of IC 14-23-6.5, has the meaning
37 set forth in IC 14-23-6.5-1.

38 (e) (b) "Program", for purposes of IC 14-32-8, has the meaning set
39 forth in IC 14-32-8-3.

40 SECTION 10. IC 14-8-2-250 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
41 1, 2026]. Sec. 250, "Selling season", for purposes of IC 14-31-3-2, has

42 the meaning set forth in IC 14-31-3-9.

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1 SECTION 11. IC 14-8-2-295.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 295.5. "Valid license", for
 4 purposes of IC 14-31-3, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-31-3-5.5.

5 SECTION 12. IC 14-8-2-320 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 320. "Wildlife", has the
 7 following meaning:

8 (1) for purposes of IC 14-22, except as provided in subdivision
 9 (2), means all wild birds, fish, crustaceans, mollusks,
 10 amphibians, reptiles, and wild mammals.

11 (2) For purposes of IC 14-22-34, the meaning set forth in
 12 IC 14-22-34-6.

13 SECTION 13. IC 14-8-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 14 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]:

16 **Chapter 4. Applicability**

17 **Sec. 1. The department is the successor to:**

18 (1) the department of conservation;
 19 (2) any prior name given to a similar state agency that now
 20 falls under the department's jurisdiction; and
 21 (3) any agency incorporated into the department.

22 If the department is a successor to an agency under this section, the
 23 department becomes responsible for and benefits from the
 24 contractual obligations of that agency.

25 **Sec. 2. The department may grant easements on properties
 26 owned or managed by the department.**

27 SECTION 14. IC 14-10-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) The commission
 29 shall have at least four (4) regular meetings in each fiscal year and as
 30 many additional or special meetings as the commission's business,
 31 powers, or duties require.

32 (b) The chairman:

33 (1) may call a special meeting; and
 34 (2) shall call a special meeting at the request of any five (5)
 35 members.

36 (c) A:

37 (1) meeting of the commission; or
 38 (2) public hearing;

39 is subject to IC 5-14-1.5.

40 SECTION 15. IC 14-10-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2024,

41 SECTION 120, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The department may adopt

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1 rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out the duties of the department under
 2 the following:

- 3 (1) IC 14-9.
- 4 (2) This article.
- 5 (3) IC 14-11.
- 6 (4) IC 14-12-2.
- 7 (5) IC 14-14.
- 8 (6) IC 14-15.
- 9 (7) IC 14-17-3.
- 10 (8) IC 14-18, except IC 14-18-6 and IC 14-18-8.
- 11 (9) IC 14-19-1 and IC 14-19-8.
- 12 (10) IC 14-21.
- 13 (11) ~~IC 14-22-3, IC 14-22-4, and IC 14-22-5.~~ IC 14-22-3 and
 14 IC 14-22-4.
- 15 (12) IC 14-23-1.
- 16 (13) IC 14-24.
- 17 (14) IC 14-25, except IC 14-25-8-3 and IC 14-25-13.
- 18 (15) IC 14-26.
- 19 (16) IC 14-27.
- 20 (17) IC 14-28.
- 21 (18) IC 14-29.
- 22 (19) IC 14-35-1, IC 14-35-2, and IC 14-35-3.
- 23 (20) IC 14-37.
- 24 (21) IC 14-38, except IC 14-38-3.
- 25 (22) IC 14-39.

26 (b) An emergency rule adopted under subsection (a) (as effective
 27 before July 1, 2023) expires not later than one (1) year after the rule is
 28 accepted for filing by the publisher of the Indiana Register.

29 (c) A person who violates:

- 30 (1) an emergency rule adopted by the department under
 31 IC 4-22-2-37.1 before July 1, 2023; or
- 32 (2) a rule adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2 after June
 33 30, 2023;

34 to carry out a provision described in subsection (a) commits a Class C
 35 infraction, unless otherwise specified under state law.

36 SECTION 16. IC 14-10-2-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 9. (a) A person who wishes to**
 39 **obtain judicial review of a final agency action under this title must**
 40 **serve copies of a petition for judicial review upon:**

- 41 (1) **each person described in IC 4-21.5-5-8; and**
- 42 (2) **the following persons under IC 4-21.5-5-8(a)(4):**



(A) If the department or the state historic preservation review board is a party to a proceeding, a copy of the petition required under IC 4-21.5-5-8(a)(4) must be served upon the department or state historic preservation review board, as applicable, to the address published on the website of the department.

(B) If the Indiana board of licensure for professional geologists is a party to a proceeding, a copy of the petition required under IC 4-21.5-5-8(a)(4) must be served upon the Indiana board of licensure for professional geologists at the address published on the website of the state geologist.

(C) If the Indiana board of registration for soil scientists is a party to a proceeding, a copy of the petition required under IC 4-21.5-5-8(a)(4) must be served upon the Indiana board of registration for soil scientists to the address published on the website of the office of the state chemist.

(b) The following agencies shall publish their office address on their official website so a person may serve copies of judicial review:

- (1) The department.
- (2) The state geologist.
- (3) The office of the state chemist.

SECTION 17. IC 14-11-1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11. Beginning July 1, 2026, a person who owns property adjacent to a property owned or managed by the department:**

- (1) may not build a temporary or permanent structure that is less than one hundred (100) feet from the property owned or managed by the department; or
- (2) shall indemnify and hold harmless the department for damage to a temporary or permanent structure that is less than one hundred (100) feet from the property owned or managed by the department.

SECTION 18. IC 14-11-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2005, SECTION 116, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the conduct of the following:

- (1) Department meetings.
- (2) Upon the recommendation of the director, the work of the

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1 department and the divisions.

2 (b) The department may not adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the
3 establishment of fees for the following:

- 4 (1) Programs of the department or the commission.
- 5 (2) Facilities owned or operated by the department or the
6 commission or a lessee of the department or commission.
- 7 (3) Licenses issued by the commission, the department, or the
8 director.
- 9 (4) Inspections or other similar services under this title
10 performed by the department or an assistant or employee of the
11 department.

12 (c) **The director shall:**

- 13 (1) **adopt provisional rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1;**
- 14 (2) **adopt interim rules under IC 4-22-2-37.2; and**
- 15 (3) **approve for preliminary adoption rules for readoption**
16 under IC 4-22-2.6 that do not contain changes to the rules.

17 SECTION 19. IC 14-11-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. A person who
19 violates a rule adopted under this chapter commits a Class C infraction,
20 **unless otherwise specified by law.**

21 SECTION 20. IC 14-11-3-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
22 1, 2026]. Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section, "license" means a license;
23 a franchise; a permit; a certification; an approval; a registration; a
24 charter; or a similar form of authorization that may be issued to a
25 person by:

- 26 (1) the department;
- 27 (2) the commission; or
- 28 (3) the director;

29 under Indiana law. The term does not include a license issued by the
30 historic preservation review board established by IC 14-21-1-20.

31 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the director shall issue all
32 licenses.

33 (c) A designee of the director may issue licenses. A designee of
34 the director must be a full-time employee of the department.

35 SECTION 21. IC 14-11-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.89-2016,
36 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies to applications for licenses
38 under the following:

- 39 (1) IC 14-26-2 (lake preservation).
- 40 (2) IC 14-26-5 (dams). (lowering of Ten Acre Lake).
- 41 (3) **IC 14-27 (levees, dams, and drainage).**
- 42 (3) (4) **IC 14-28-1 (flood control).**

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(5) IC 14-29-1 (navigable waterways).

(4)(6) [L]IC 14-29-3 (removal of substances from streams). (sand and gravel permits).

(5) (7) [] IC 14-29-4 (construction of channels).

SECTION 22. IC 14-11-4-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "adjacent to the affected real property" means real property owned by a person, other than the applicant of a license, that:

- (1) is located not more than one-fourth (1/4) of a mile from the site where the licensed activity would take place; and
- (2) has a border or point in common with the exterior boundary of the property where the licensed activity would take place.

(b) The term includes property that would share a common border with the property that is the subject of the application if the property was not separated from property that is the subject of the application by:

- (1) a right-of-way;
- (2) an easement; or
- (3) a railroad.

SECTION 23. IC 14-11-4-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See: 3: As used in this chapter, "license" means a permit; a license; a concession; or other authorization that may be issued to a person by:

(1) the director;
 (2) the department; or
 (3) the commission.

(5) the committee
under Indiana law.

under Indiana law.

SECTION 24. IC 14-11-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The director or the department may not issue a license until thirty (30) days after the notice required by this chapter ~~has been~~ is given to a person specified under section 5 of this chapter by the applicant.

(b) An applicant may provide the notice may be given under subsection (a) at any time after an application for a license is filed with the department. The department may require by rule that notice under section 5 of this chapter be provided by the license applicant.

SECTION 25. IC 14-11-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) If a license application affects real property, notice of the application is required as follows:

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(1) The applicant must notify at least one (1) of the owners of each parcel of real property reasonably known to be adjacent to the affected real property.

(2) The department shall notify the persons who have requested notification of a license application that:

(A) affects the specific real property to which the application relates; or

(B) is of the same type as the application.

(3) The applicant must notify by publication, with proof of service made by a publisher's affidavit, under the following circumstances:

(A) The current address of a person entitled to notice under this rule is not ascertainable.

(B) The identity or existence of a person entitled to notice is not ascertainable.

(C) The department requires notice by publication because the license application is likely to evoke general public interest.

(b) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require the following:

(1) That additional persons be notified of an application for a license.

(2) That additional forms of notice be given.

(c) The applicant shall provide to the department proof of service of the notices required under subsection (a)(1) and (a)(3) as follows:

(1) By providing a mailing receipt showing successful return from the person notified if service is made by certified mail with return receipt requested.

(2) By an affidavit or affirmation on a department form if service is made in person or by first class mail, with a certificate of mailing, including the following:

(A) The names and addresses of each person served.

(B) The date of personal service or mailing.

(C) If service was made by mail, that a period of at least twenty-one (21) days has passed without the mailing being returned as undelivered or undeliverable.

(d) A notice under this section shall do the following:

(1) Provide the name and address of the applicant.

(2) Identify the statute or rule, or both, under which a license is sought.

(3) Identify the real property to which the application

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relates, unless the license is not related to real property.
(4) Provide any other information required by statute or rule relative to the particular type of license sought.

(5) Include an explanation of the options available to a person served as follows:

(A) File a petition with the director requesting an informal hearing that is signed by at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who:

(i) reside in the county where the licensed activity would take place; or

(ii) own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the proposed or existing licensed activity.

(B) Request the department notify a person in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license.

SECTION 26. IC 14-12-1-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See. 13. Expenditures from the fund shall be coordinated with expenditures under the President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust program established by IC 14-12-2.

SECTION 27. IC 14-12-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024, SECTION 106, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The President Benjamin Harrison conservation trust project commission is established.

(b) The project commission consists of the following **twenty (20)** **seventeen (17)** members:

(+) The director of the division of fish and wildlife.

(2) The director of the division of forestry.

(3) The director of the division of nature preserves.

(4) The director of the division of state parks.

(1) A staff member of the department appointed by the director for each account listed under section 26(a)(1) through 26(a)(5) of this chapter.

(5) (2) The chief executive officer of the Indiana state museum and historic sites corporation established by IC 4-37-2-1.

(6) (3) The chairperson of the board of directors of the natural resources foundation.

(7) (4) Ten (10) Six (6) individuals appointed by the governor. The governor shall appoint individuals so that all the following are satisfied:

(A) The individuals must be residents of Indiana.

(B) The individuals must have a demonstrated interest or

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experience in:

- (i) conservation of natural resources; or
- (ii) management of public property.

(C) There must be two (2) commission members from each of the following regions of Indiana:

- (i) **Northwest. North.**
- (ii) **Northeast. Central.**
- (iii) **Southwest. South.**
- (iv) **Southeast.**
- (v) **Central.**

(8) (5) The following four (4) nonvoting members:

- (A) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (B) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- (C) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- (D) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(c) The individuals appointed by the governor under subsection [14(b)(7) (b)(4)] must represent one (1) or more of the following:

- (1) The environmentalist community.
- (2) The land trust community.
- (3) Organized hunting and fishing groups.
- (4) The forest products community.
- (5) The parks and recreation community.

Each group and community listed in subdivisions (1) through (5) must be represented on the project commission.

SECTION 28. IC 14-12-2-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2025, SECTION 179, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section, "appointing authority" refers to:

- (1) the governor in the case of a member appointed under section [14(b)(7) 14(b)(4)] of this chapter; or
- (2) the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, or the minority leader of the senate in the case of a member appointed under section 14(b)(8) 14(b)(5) of this chapter, whichever is applicable.

(b) As used in this section, "member" refers to a member of the project commission appointed under section 14(b)(7) 14(b)(4) through [14(b)(8) 14(b)(5)].



1 ~~14(b)(8)~~ **14(b)(5)** of this chapter.

2 (c) The term of a member begins on the later of the following:

3 (1) The day the term of the member who the individual is
4 appointed to succeed expires.

5 (2) The day the individual is appointed by the appointing
6 authority.

7 (d) A member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

8 The term of a member expires as follows:

9 (1) June 30 of an odd-numbered year for a member appointed
10 under section ~~14(b)(8)~~ **14(b)(5)** of this chapter.

11 (2) June 30, 2025, and each fourth year thereafter for ~~a one (1)~~
12 ~~1~~member **from the north region** appointed under section~~[~~

13 ~~14(b)(7)(C)(i), 14(b)(7)(C)(iii), or 14(b)(7)(C)(v)~~ **14(b)(4)(C)(i)**

14 of this chapter.

15 (3) December 31, 2025, and each fourth year thereafter for ~~a one~~
16 **(1) member from the central or south region** appointed under

17 section ~~14(b)(7)(C)(ii) or 14(b)(7)(C)(iv)~~ **14(b)(4)(C)(ii) or**

18 **14(b)(4)(C)(iii)** of this chapter.

19 (e) The appointing authority may reappoint a member for a new
20 term.

21 (f) The appointing authority shall appoint an individual to fill a
22 vacancy among the members. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy
23 serves for the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

24 SECTION 29. IC 14-12-2-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
25 SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. ~~The governor~~ **The project**
27 **commission** shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the project
28 commission from among the members of the commission **by a**
29 **majority vote.**

30 SECTION 30. IC 14-12-2-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,
31 SECTION 110, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. (a) ~~Eight (8)~~ **Seven (7)**
33 members of the project commission constitute a quorum.

34 (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the
35 project commission present and voting is necessary for the project
36 commission to take any action.

37 (c) A member of the project commission described in section
38 ~~14(b)(1) through 14(b)(5) and 14(b)(2)~~ of this chapter may designate
39 in writing a representative from the respective division to serve as a
40 member of the project commission when the member of the project
41 commission is unable to attend a meeting.

42 SECTION 31. IC 14-12-2-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2024,

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1 SECTION 113, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 21. (a) The following procedure
 3 must be followed before money from the fund may be used to acquire
 4 property for a project under this chapter:

- 5 (1) The project commission must review and approve a project
 6 requiring the acquisition of the property.
- 7 (2) The project commission must recommend the project to the
 8 governor for approval.
- 9 (3) The governor, **or the governor's designee**, must approve the
 10 project as recommended by the project commission and inform
 11 the director of the department of the governor's approval.
- 12 (b) When the procedure under subsection (a) is completed, the
 13 department shall acquire the property subject to the project according
 14 to Indiana law.

15 SECTION 32. IC 14-12-2-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 16 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 32. Expenditures from the fund shall be coordinated with
 17 expenditures by the foundation from the Indiana natural resources fund
 18 established by IC 14-12-1-11.~~

19 SECTION 33. IC 14-12-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 20 2026]. (Hometown Indiana Grant Program).

21 SECTION 34. IC 14-15-3-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 19. Provisions of this
 23 chapter concerning the operation of boats or motorboats apply as
 24 follows:

- 25 (1) Whether or not the boat or motorboat is towing ~~a water ski,
 a watersled, an aquaplane, or a similar object, including a person
 on the water ski, watersled, aquaplane, or similar any object.~~
- 26 (2) To each object and person.

27 SECTION 35. IC 14-15-3-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. A person operating
 29 a motorboat may not tow a water ski, a watersled, **a wakeboard,**
 30 **barefoot water skis**, an aquaplane, or a similar object, including a
 31 person on the waterski, watersled, **wakeboard, barefoot water skis**,
 32 aquaplane, or similar object, unless:

- 33 (1) the motorboat is occupied by at least one (1) other person
 34 who is giving the person's entire attention to watching the object,
 wakeboard, or person towed; and
- 35 (2) the person operating the boat is giving the person's entire
 36 attention to the operation of the boat.

37 SECTION 36. IC 14-15-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.111-2016,
 38 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The operator of a boat involved in an

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1 accident or a collision resulting in: shall provide the information
 2 **required under subsection (b) if the following conditions occur:**
 3 (1) Injury to or death of a person. or
 4 (2) Damage to a boat or other property to an apparent extent of
 5 at least ~~the greater of: seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750);~~
 6 shall provide the information required under subsection (b).
 7 (A) **two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or**
 8 **(B) the amount for assessed damage under the United**
 9 **States Department of Homeland Security Boating**
 10 **Accident Report Database (BARD).**
 11 (b) An operator of a boat subject to subsection (a) shall do the
 12 following:
 13 (1) Give notice of the accident to:
 14 (A) the office of the sheriff of the county;
 15 (B) the nearest state police post; or
 16 (C) the central dispatch center for the law enforcement
 17 division of the department;
 18 immediately and by the quickest means of communication.
 19 (2) Mail to the department a written report of the accident or
 20 collision within twenty-four (24) hours of the accident or
 21 collision.
 22 SECTION 37. IC 14-16-1-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 24. (a) The operator of
 24 a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in serious bodily injury to
 25 or death of an individual or property damage in an estimated amount
 26 of at least ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)~~ **two thousand five**
 27 **hundred dollars (\$2,500)** shall immediately, by the quickest means of
 28 communication, notify at least one (1) of the following:
 29 (1) A state police officer or conservation officer.
 30 (2) The sheriff's office of the county where the accident
 31 occurred.
 32 (3) The office of the police department of the municipality where
 33 the accident occurred.
 34 (b) The police agency receiving the notice shall do the following:
 35 (1) Complete a report of the accident on forms prescribed by the
 36 director.
 37 (2) Forward the report to the director.
 38 SECTION 38. IC 14-18-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. **(a)** A person may not
 40 erect or construct a utility, telephone, or telegraph line upon or across:
 41 (1) a state park;
 42 (2) a state forest;

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1	30-40	\$16
2	40-50	\$20
3	50-100	\$40
4	More than 100	\$80

5 **The fee charged by the department for an easement under this**
 6 **subsection is at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).**

7 (c) The department shall put fees collected for easements
 8 under this section into the President Benjamin Harrison
 9 conservation trust fund established by IC 14-12-2-25 and into the
 10 account for the division which the easement is located under
 11 IC 14-12-2-26.

12 (d) The department may grant an easement without charge
 13 under this section if the easement:

- 14 (1) meets the requirement under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2);
 15 and
- 16 (2) provides a direct benefit to a property described in
 17 section 1 of this chapter.

18 SECTION 40. IC 14-18-10-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. A person may not
 20 construct or erect a utility, telegraph, or telephone line, **ingress, or**
 21 **egress** as described in section 1 of this chapter in violation of any of
 22 the rules and restrictions of a **permit issued an easement granted**
 23 under this chapter.

24 SECTION 41. IC 14-18-11-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. The department may
 26 grant and convey by deed **or easement** rights-of-way to railroads **and**
 27 **to telegraph and telephone companies** to construct and operate lines
 28 across the land of state forests. **and state nurseries.**

29 SECTION 42. IC 14-18-11-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. The terms and
 31 conditions upon which the rights-of-way are granted and conveyed by
 32 deed **or easement** under this chapter must be submitted to and
 33 approved by:

- 34 (1) the governor;
- 35 (2) the attorney general; and
- 36 (3) the Indiana department of administration;

37 before the deed becomes operative or possession is taken under a deed.

38 SECTION 43. IC 14-21-1-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.26-2008,
 39 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 40 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 25. (a) The commission shall adopt rules
 41 establishing standards for plans.

42 (b) With respect to archeological plans, the rules must impose a



1 standard of conduct that does the following:

2 (1) Promotes the scientific investigation and conservation of past
3 cultures.

4 (2) Considers the interests and expertise of amateur
5 archeologists and professional archeologists.

6 (c) With respect to development plans, the rules must impose a
7 standard of conduct that preserves and protects both of the following:

8 (1) The rights and interests of landowners;

9 (2) The sensitivity of human beings for treating human remains
10 with respect and dignity, as determined by the commission.

11 (d) Subject to subsection (e), plans required under this chapter
12 must be submitted to the department for approval according to rules
13 adopted by the commission.

14 (e) (a) **Proposed archeological plans and development plans**
15 submitted to the department must be:

16 (1) approved;

17 (2) **approved with conditions;**

18 (2) (3) denied; or

19 (3) (4) held because of the need for additional information;

20 by the department not more than sixty (60) days after the date of
21 submission. If the department does not take any action on the plan
22 within the time required by this subsection, the plan is considered to be
23 approved, unless approval is prohibited under a state or federal law. If
24 the department requests additional information under subdivision (3),
25 (4), the department shall **inform the applicant if the plan is deemed**
26 **incomplete, inaccurate, or both, and provide the applicant an**
27 **opportunity to cure any issues. The department shall** approve or
28 deny the resubmitted plan not more than thirty (30) days after the [
29]**resubmitted plan additional information** is received.

30 (b) Unless otherwise specified in the authorization:

31 (1) **an approved archeology plan expires one (1) year; and**

32 (2) **an approved development plan expires two (2) years;**

33 **after issuance by the division.**

34 (c) **An applicant must comply with:**

35 (1) **any other federal, state, or local laws and ordinances;**

36 (2) **312 IAC 21; and**

37 (3) **312 IAC 22.**

38 (d) **If the division issues written approval, an applicant may**
39 **modify the authorized project activities.**

40 SECTION 44. IC 14-21-1-25.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
41 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 25.1. An application for approval**



1 of a development plan under section 26.5 of this chapter must be
 2 filed with the division and include the following:

3 (1) A signed cover letter from the applicant on letterhead
 4 with the following information:

5 (A) The identity of the person who will conduct the
 6 project.

7 (B) The overall nature and time frame of the project.

8 (C) The location of the project by section, township,
 9 range, county, and address.

10 (D) Information regarding any prior disturbance to the
 11 area.

12 (E) A statement regarding whether federal or state
 13 funds or licenses are involved in the project.

14 (2) Mapping to show the location of the burial ground or
 15 cemetery in relation to the project that includes the
 16 following:

17 (A) Construction details for any activity within one
 18 hundred (100) feet of the burial ground or cemetery.

19 (B) References to nearby landmarks.

20 (C) The location of the burial ground or cemetery and
 21 the project area on the appropriate U.S. Geological
 22 Survey U.S. TOPO: Maps for America.

23 (3) A description of the burial ground or cemetery sufficient
 24 to evaluate the likely impact of the project, including the
 25 following:

26 (A) Any name of the burial ground or cemetery.

27 (B) The dates the burial ground or cemetery has been
 28 used.

29 (C) Historical information and documentation.

30 (D) Precise boundaries that reference nearby
 31 landmarks. If documentation is not available to identify
 32 the burial ground or cemetery boundaries, the applicant
 33 may be required to determine those boundaries through
 34 the following:

35 (i) Remote sensing.

36 (ii) Investigations by archeologists.

37 (iii) Another scientific method approved by the
 38 division.

39 (E) The physical condition of the burial ground or
 40 cemetery.

41 (4) A description of the grounds adjacent to and within one
 42 hundred (100) feet of the burial ground or cemetery,



including the following:

(A) The nature, depth, and degree of previous disturbances, including those caused by:

- (i) construction;
- (ii) excavation;
- (iii) grading; or
- (iv) filling.

(B) A description of soil, by type, present at the site, including an explanation of how the soil would be:

- (i) disturbed;
- (ii) graded;
- (iii) modified;
- (iv) removed; or
- (v) otherwise trea

(C) A description of each structure.

(D) A description of the activities anticipated to:

- (i) erect;
- (ii) alter; or
- (iii) repair;

a structure.

(E) Each area that may contain new construction in connection with the proposed construction areas.

(5) Recent photographs of the burial ground or cemetery and the grounds adjacent to and within one hundred (100) feet of the burial ground or cemetery.

SECTION 45. IC 14-21-1-25.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See. 25.5. (a) If a Native American Indian burial ground is discovered, the department shall immediately provide notice to the Native American Indian affairs commission established by IC 4-23-32.

(b) If Native American Indian human remains are removed from a burial ground, the department shall provide the following to the Native American Indian affairs commission:

(1) Any written findings or reports that result from the analysis and study of the human remains;

(2) Written notice to the Native American Indian affairs commission that the analysis and study of the human remains are complete.

(c) After receiving written notice under subsection (b)(2), the Native American Indian affairs commission shall make recommendations to the department regarding the final disposition of the Native American Indian human remains.



1 SECTION 46. IC 14-21-1-26.5, AS AMENDED BY
 2 P.L.158-2013, SECTION 201, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 26.5. (a)
 4 Notwithstanding IC 23-14-44-1, this section does not apply to the
 5 following:

6 (1) A public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(a)).
 7 (2) A corporation organized under IC 8-1-13.
 8 (3) A municipally owned utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(h)).
 9 (4) A surface coal mining and reclamation operation permitted
 10 under IC 14-34.

11 (b) Except as provided in this subsection and subsections (c) and
 12 (d), a person may not disturb the ground within one hundred (100) feet
 13 of a burial ground for the purpose of excavating or covering over the
 14 ground or erecting, altering, or repairing any structure without having
 15 a development plan approved by the department under section 25 of
 16 this chapter or in violation of a development plan approved by the
 17 department under section 25 of this chapter. The department must
 18 review the development plan as required by section ~~25(e)~~ **25(a)** of this
 19 chapter.

20 (c) A development plan:

21 (1) must be approved if a person intends to:
 22 (A) excavate or cover over the ground; or
 23 (B) construct a new structure or alter or repair an existing
 24 structure;

25 that would impact the burial ground or cemetery; and

26 (2) is not required if a person intends to:

27 (A) excavate or cover over the ground; or
 28 (B) erect, alter, or repair an existing structure;

29 for an incidental or existing use that would not impact the burial
 30 ground or cemetery.

31 (d) A development plan for a governmental entity to disturb
 32 ground within one hundred (100) feet of a burial ground must be
 33 approved as follows:

34 (1) A development plan of a municipality requires approval of
 35 the executive of the municipality and does not require the
 36 approval of the department. However, if the burial ground or
 37 cemetery is located outside the municipality, approval is also
 38 required by the executive of the county where the burial ground
 39 or cemetery is located. A county cemetery commission
 40 established under IC 23-14-67-2 may advise the executive of the
 41 municipality on whether to approve a development plan.
 42 (2) A development plan of a governmental entity other than:



- (A) a municipality; or
- (B) the state;

3 requires the approval of the executive of the county where the
4 governmental entity is located and does not require the approval
5 of the department. However, if the governmental entity is located
6 in more than one (1) county, only the approval of the executive
7 of the county where the burial ground or cemetery is located is
8 required. A county cemetery commission established under
9 IC 23-14-67-2 may advise the county executive on whether to
10 approve a development plan.

15 (f) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates
16 this section commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is
17 a Level 6 felony if the person disturbs buried human remains or grave
18 markers while committing the offense.

(g) An applicant must comply with:

- (1) any other federal, state, or local laws and ordinances;
- (2) 312 IAC 21; and
- (3) 312 IAC 22.

(h) An applicant may modify the project activities authorized by the division only upon written approval by the division.

25 SECTION 47. IC 14-21-1-31 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 31. (a) The
27 commission~~shall~~ may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this
28 chapter.

(b) When adopting rules under this chapter The commission shall may consider the following when adopting rules under this chapter:

Consider the following when adopting rules under this chapter:

- (1) The rights and interests of landowners.
- (2) The sensitivity of human beings for treating human remains with respect and dignity.
- (3) The value of history and archeology as a guide to human activity.
- (4) The importance of amateur archeologists in making historical, cultural, and archeological discoveries.

(5) Applicable laws, standards, and guidelines for the conduct of archeology and codes of ethics for participation in archeology.

SECTION 48. IC 14-22-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. (Dear Research and Management Fund)

8]. (Deer Research and Management Fund).
SECTION 49. JC 14-22-6-4 AS AMENDED BY P.L. 144-2022

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1 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) For purposes of this section, a trap is
3 designed to capture and kill a furbearing animal if the animal's death
4 is the result of:

5 (1) submerging the animal in water; or
6 (2) crushing or asphyxiating the animal.

7 (b) A person may not do the following:

13 (A) fail to tend or visit; or have tended or visited a trap and
14 (B) remove a furbearing animal from;

15 a trap that is the person's property within a period not exceeding
16 twenty-four (24) hours.

17 (3) For a trap that is designed to capture and kill a furbearing
18 animal:

21 a trap that is the person's property within a period not exceeding
22 forty-eight (48) hours.

23 (c) The department shall publish a recommendation that the best
24 practice to comply with this section is to tend or visit, or have tended
25 or visited a furbearing trap that is the person's property within a period
26 not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours.

27 SECTION 50. IC 14-22-6-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
28 1, 2026]. **Sec. 14. (a) The:**

29 (1) division of fish and wildlife of the department; and

(2) division of soil conservation established within the Indiana state department of agriculture by IC 15-11-4-1, through the soil and water conservation districts established under IC 14-32;

33 shall, in cooperation with other conservation education organizations
34 and one (1) or more organizations of hunters, establish a program to
35 help landowners with problems determined by the director to be caused
36 by localized deer population.

(b) The program established under this section must educate landowners concerning the means by which a landowner can:

41 the deer population on the landowner's tract of land.

42 (e) Under the program established under this section, one (1) or



1 more hunters or organizations of hunters may, upon request by a
 2 landowner, work with the department and the landowner to alleviate
 3 problems caused by localized deer populations.

4 (d) In each county, the division of fish and wildlife, in cooperation
 5 with the soil and water conservation district established within the
 6 county under IC 14-32, shall disseminate information about the
 7 program established under this section.

8 SECTION 51. IC 14-22-8-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2026]. Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the game bird
 10 habitat restoration fund established by this chapter.

11 SECTION 52. IC 14-22-8-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 12 1, 2026]. Sec. 6. (a) The game bird habitat restoration fund is
 13 established as a dedicated fund.

14 (b) The department shall administer the fund. The director may
 15 expend the money in the fund exclusively for the purpose of restoring
 16 the habitat of the various game birds in Indiana.

17 (c) The proceeds from the sale of stamps shall be deposited in and
 18 transferred from the fish and wildlife fund to the fund. However, a
 19 transfer is not required if the budget agency finds that it would reduce
 20 the balance in the fish and wildlife fund to less than three million
 21 dollars (\$3,000,000) at the end of the state fiscal year.

22 (d) Money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund at
 23 the end of a state fiscal year. If the fund is abolished, the contents
 24 revert to the fish and wildlife fund.

25 SECTION 53. IC 14-22-9-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2017,
 26 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply to the
 28 following:

29 (1) A privately owned lake, farm pond, or public or private
 30 drainage ditch.

31 (2) A landowner or tenant adjacent to public waters or boundary
 32 waters of the state, who chemically, mechanically, or physically
 33 controls aquatic vegetation in the immediate vicinity of a boat
 34 landing or bathing beach on or adjacent to the real property of
 35 the landowner or tenant if the following conditions exist:

36 (A) The area where vegetation is to be controlled does not
 37 exceed:

38 (i) twenty-five (25) feet along the legally established,
 39 average, or normal shoreline;

40 (ii) a water depth of six (6) feet; and

41 (iii) a total surface area of six hundred twenty-five
 42 (625) square feet.

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3 (b) A person may not chemically, mechanically, physically, or
4 biologically control aquatic vegetation in the public: **waters or**:

(1) waters containing state owned fish;

(2) waters of the state; or

(3) boundary waters of the state;

8 without a permit issued by the department. All procedures to control
9 aquatic vegetation under this section shall be conducted in accordance
10 with rules adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2.

18 (d) This section does not do any of the following:

(2) Relieve the permittee from liability, rules, restrictions, or permits that may be required of the permittee by any other governmental agency.

24 (3) Affect water pollution control laws (as defined in
25 IC 13-11-2-261) and the rules adopted under water pollution
26 control laws (as defined in IC 13-11-2-261).

27 SECTION 54. [IC 14-22-10-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2019,
28 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section and section 2.5 of

30 this chapter, "governmental entity" means any of the following:

31 (1) The government of the United States of America.

(2) The state.

33 (3) A county.

34 (4) A city.

35 (5) A town.

36 (6) A township.

37 (7) The following, if created by the Constitution of the United
38 States, the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a statute, an
39 ordinance, a rule, or an order:

40 (A) An agency.

41 (B) A board.

42 (C) A commission.

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(D) A committee.
(E) A council.
(F) A department.
(G) A district.
(H) A public body corporate and politic.

(b) As used in this section and section 2.5 of this chapter, "monetary consideration" means a fee or other charge for permission to go upon a tract of land. The term does not include:

(1) the gratuitous sharing of game, fish, or other products of the recreational use of the land;
(2) services rendered for the purpose of wildlife management; or
(3) contributions in kind made for the purpose of wildlife management.

(c) As used in this section and section 2.5 of this chapter, "owner" means a governmental entity or another person that:

(1) has a fee interest in;
(2) is a tenant, a lessee, or an occupant of; or
(3) is in control of;

a tract of land.

(d) A person who goes upon or through the premises, including caves, of another:

(1) with or without permission; and
(2) either:

(A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or
(B) with the payment of monetary consideration directly or indirectly on the person's behalf by an agency of the state or federal government;

for the purpose of swimming, camping, hiking, sightseeing, exercising, cycling, or accessing or departing from a trail, a greenway, or another similar area, or for any other purpose (other than the purposes described in section 2.5 of this chapter) does not have an assurance that the premises are safe for the purpose; is subject to the limitations of liability granted to the owner of the premises described in subsection (e).

(e) The owner of the premises does not

(1) assume responsibility; or
(2) incur liability;

for an injury to a person or property caused by an act or failure to act of other persons using the premises; assume responsibility or incur liability for an injury or damage to a:

(1) person caused by:
(A) an act; or

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(B) the failure to act;
of another person using the premises;
(2) person caused by a condition on the land; or
(3) person's property caused by:
(A) the act of another person using the premises; or
(B) a condition on the land.

(f) This section does not affect the following:

(1) Existing Indiana case law on the liability of owners or possessors of premises with respect to the following:

(A) Business invitees in commercial establishments.

(B) Invited guests.

(1) **Business invitees in for-profit establishments.**

(2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.

(g) This section does not excuse the owner or occupant of premises from liability for injury to a person or property caused by a malicious or an illegal act of the owner or occupant.

(h) **This section does not apply to a parcel of land assessed as residential land.**

SECTION 55. IC 14-22-10-2.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) A person who goes upon or through the premises, including caves, of another:

(1) with or without permission; and

(2) either:

(A) without the payment of monetary consideration; or

(B) with the payment of monetary consideration directly or indirectly on the person's behalf by an agency of the state or federal government;

for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, or preparing to hunt, fish, or trap, does not have an assurance that the premises are safe for that purpose.

(b) The owner of the premises does not:

(1) assume responsibility; or

(2) incur liability;

for an injury to a person or property caused by an act or failure to act of other persons using the premises.

(c) This section does not affect Indiana case law on the liability of owners or possessors of premises with respect to the following:

(1) Business invitees in commercial establishments.

(2) The attractive nuisance doctrine.

(d) This section does not excuse the owner or occupant of premises from liability for injury to a person or property caused by a malicious or an illegal act of the owner or occupant.

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1 (e) This section does not apply to a parcel of land assessed as
 2 residential land.

3 SECTION 56.] IC 14-22-10-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. The title to a wild
 5 animal illegally taken or accidentally killed in violation of this article
 6 or IC 14-2 (before its repeal) does not vest in the taker of the wild
 7 animal, but remains in the state. The director ~~shall~~ may do the
 8 following:

9 (1) Seize and confiscate the wild animal in the name of the state
 10 of Indiana.

11 (2) Sell or dispose of the wild animal.

12 (3) Deposit proceeds, if any, into the fish and wildlife fund.

13 SECTION 5~~6~~7. IC 14-22-11-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 14 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 19: (a) The department ~~may~~ adopt rules under
 15 IC 4-22-2 to establish and operate a lottery system to allow an
 16 individual to purchase a license to take more than one (1) antlered deer
 17 within a one (1) year period.

18 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) must include the
 19 following provisions:

20 (1) A provision stating that an individual must have held and
 21 used a valid license to take a deer under IC 14-22-12 within the
 22 same year in order to participate in the lottery under this section.

23 (2) A provision stating that the fee for participating in the lottery
 24 under this section is thirty dollars (\$30).

25 (3) A provision stating that the drawing for the lottery under this
 26 section will be held on December 15.

27 (4) A provision stating that there will be only one hundred (100)
 28 licenses awarded under the lottery.

29 (5) A provision stating that the season for the deer hunt for
 30 which a license is awarded under the lottery is the first week of
 31 January.

32 SECTION 5~~6~~8. IC 14-22-12-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 2: Except for a license sold under IC 14-22-31-8,
 34 the department shall use the following to increase the upland game bird
 35 population in Indiana:

36 (1) Four dollars (\$4) from the cost of every nonresident license
 37 to hunt any game for any period in any manner.

38 (2) Forty dollars (\$40) from the cost of every nonresident license
 39 to hunt deer for any period in any manner.

40 SECTION 5~~6~~9. IC 14-22-12-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 3: The department shall deposit in the fish and
 42 wildlife fund twenty dollars (\$20) from the cost of every nonresident



1 license to hunt deer for any time in any manner. The department shall
 2 transfer the revenue deposited under this section from the fish and
 3 wildlife fund to the deer research and management fund. However, a
 4 transfer is not required if the budget agency finds that it would reduce
 5 the balance in the fish and wildlife fund to less than three million
 6 dollars (\$3,000,000) at the end of the state fiscal year.

7 SECTION ~~58~~⁶⁰ [60]. IC 14-22-15.5-7 IS REPEALED
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See: 7. An individual who acts as a
 9 hunting guide without a hunting guide license in violation of section 2
 10 of this chapter commits a Class B infraction.

11 SECTION ~~59~~⁶¹ [61]. IC 14-22-16-4, AS AMENDED BY
 12 P.L.155-2015, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A person desiring to
 14 possess in Indiana at one (1) time more than:

15 (1) five hundred (500) thousand (5,000) live minnows; or
 16 (2) five hundred (500) thousand (5,000) live crayfish;
 17 not intended for the purpose of engaging in the business of selling or
 18 bartering live minnows or crayfish for bait must procure a permit to
 19 possess the minnows or crayfish.

20 SECTION 6~~4~~² [2]. IC 14-22-32 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]. (Game Bird and Exotic Mammal Regulation).

22 SECTION 6~~4~~³ [3]. IC 14-22-34-1, AS AMENDED BY
 23 P.L.7-2015, SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter,
 25 "endangered species" means any species or subspecies of ~~wildlife~~ **wild**
 26 **animal** whose prospects of survival or recruitment within Indiana are
 27 in jeopardy or are likely within the foreseeable future to become so due
 28 to any of the following factors:

29 (1) The destruction, drastic modification, or severe curtailment
 30 of the habitat of the ~~wildlife~~ **wild animal**.
 31 (2) The overutilization of the ~~wildlife~~ **wild animal** for scientific,
 32 commercial, or sporting purposes.
 33 (3) The effect on the ~~wildlife~~ **wild animal** of disease, pollution,
 34 or predation.
 35 (4) Other natural or manmade factors affecting the prospects of
 36 survival or recruitment within Indiana.
 37 (5) Any combination of the factors described in subdivisions (1)
 38 through (4).
 39 (b) The term includes any species or subspecies of fish and
 40 ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** appearing on the United States list of endangered
 41 and threatened ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** (50 CFR 17.11).

42 SECTION 6~~4~~⁴ [4]. IC 14-22-34-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this
 2 chapter, "management" means the collection and application of
 3 biological information for the purposes of increasing the number of
 4 individuals within species and populations of ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** up
 5 to the optimum carrying capacity of their habitat and maintaining those
 6 levels.

7 (b) The term includes the following:

8 (1) The entire range of activities that constitute a modern
 9 scientific resource program, including research, census, law
 10 enforcement, habitat acquisition and improvement, and
 11 education.
 12 (2) When and where appropriate, the periodic or total protection
 13 of species or populations as well as regulated taking.

14 SECTION 6~~↔~~[\[5\]](#). IC 14-22-34-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. As used in this
 16 chapter, "take" means to:

17 (1) harass, hunt, capture, or kill; or
 18 (2) attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill;

19 ~~wildlife~~: **a wild animal**.

20 SECTION 6~~↔~~[\[6\]](#). IC 14-22-34-6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "wildlife" means:

22 (1) any wild mammal, bird, ~~reptile~~, amphibian, fish, mollusk,
 23 crustacean, or other wild animal; or
 24 (2) any part, product, egg or offspring, or the dead body or parts
 25 of the wild animal.

26 SECTION 6~~↔~~[\[7\]](#). IC 14-22-34-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. On the basis of:

28 (1) investigations on nongame species required by section 7 of
 29 this chapter; and

30 (2) other available scientific and commercial data;
 31 and after consultation with other state ~~wildlife~~ **wild animal** agencies,
 32 appropriate federal agencies, and other interested persons and
 33 organizations, the director shall adopt rules to propose a list of those
 34 species and subspecies of ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** indigenous to Indiana
 35 that are determined to be endangered in Indiana, giving the common
 36 and scientific names by species and subspecies.

37 SECTION 6~~↔~~[\[8\]](#). IC 14-22-34-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as
 39 otherwise provided in this chapter, a person may not take, possess,
 40 transport, export, process, sell or offer for sale, or ship, and a common
 41 or contract carrier may not knowingly transport or receive for shipment
 42 a species or subspecies of ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** appearing on any of



1 the following:

2 (1) The list of **wildlife wild animals** indigenous to Indiana
3 determined to be endangered in Indiana under this chapter.

4 (2) The United States list of endangered **wildlife wild animals**
5 (50 CFR 17.11) as in effect on January 1, 1979.

6 (3) The list of endangered species developed under section 13 of
7 this chapter.

8 (b) A species or subspecies of **wildlife wild animals** appearing on
9 a list described in subsection (a) that:

10 (1) enters Indiana from another state or from a point outside the
11 territorial limits of the United States; and

12 (2) is transported across Indiana destined for a point beyond
13 Indiana;

14 may be so entered and transported without restriction in accordance
15 with the terms of a federal permit or permit issued under the laws of
16 another state.

17 (c) A person who:

18 (1) violates subsection (a) or (b); or

19 (2) fails to procure or violates the terms of a permit issued under:

20 (A) section 15 of this chapter; or

21 (B) section 16 of this chapter;

22 commits a Class A misdemeanor.

23 SECTION 6~~6~~⁷[9]. IC 14-22-34-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. The director may
25 permit, under the terms and conditions that are prescribed by rule, the
26 taking, possession, transportation, exportation, or shipment of species
27 or subspecies of **wildlife wild animals** that have been designated by
28 rule as in need of management or appear on the:

29 (1) state list of endangered species;

30 (2) United States list of endangered native fish and wildlife, as
31 amended;

32 (3) list of **wildlife wild animals** added under section 13 of this
33 chapter; or

34 (4) United States list of endangered foreign fish and **wildlife**,
35 **wild animals**, as modified after July 26, 1973;

36 for scientific, zoological, or educational purposes, for propagation in
37 captivity of the **wildlife**, **wild animals**, or for other special purposes.

38 SECTION ~~68~~⁶⁸[70]. IC 14-22-34-18 IS AMENDED TO READ
39 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 18. The provisions
40 of this chapter prohibiting the taking, possessing, transportation,
41 exporting, processing, sale, or offer to sell do not apply to **wildlife wild**
42 **animals** in the possession of a person in Indiana on July 26, 1973.



1 SECTION ~~69~~⁷¹. IC 14-22-34-19 IS REPEALED
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 19. The costs of the programs
 3 established under this chapter may not be paid with money dedicated
 4 to fish and game purposes. However, transfers may be made from
 5 money dedicated for fish and game purposes to the nongame fund
 6 established under section 20 of this chapter.

7 SECTION 7~~10~~¹². IC 14-22-34-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20. (a) The nongame
 9 fund is established as a dedicated fund.

10 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

11 (c) In recognition of the importance of preserving the natural
 12 heritage of Indiana, it is the intent of the general assembly to provide
 13 a fund to be used exclusively for the protection, conservation,
 14 management, and identification of nongame and endangered species
 15 of ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** primarily through the acquisition of the
 16 natural habitat of the animals. The department may expend the money
 17 in the fund exclusively for the preservation of nongame and
 18 endangered species of ~~wildlife~~ **wild animals** under this chapter.

19 (d) Money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund at
 20 the end of a state fiscal year. However, if the fund is abolished, the
 21 money in the fund reverts to the state general fund.

22 SECTION 7~~11~~¹³. IC 14-22-34-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 23 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 21. If the commission establishes entrance fees for
 24 admission to fish and wildlife areas, the fees shall be deposited in the
 25 fund. However, the holder of a hunting or fishing license under this
 26 article may not be charged a fee for admission to fish and wildlife
 27 areas.

28 SECTION 7~~12~~¹⁴. IC 14-23-1-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The division of forestry
 31 equipment and maintenance fund is established as a dedicated fund
 32 for the purpose of defraying the costs of equipment and equipment
 33 maintenance for the division of forestry. The department shall
 34 administer the fund.

35 (b) The fund consists of the following:

36 (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the net proceeds from revenue
 37 generated by timber harvests on state forests.

38 (2) Donations, gifts, grants, and money received from any
 39 other source, including appropriations or transfers from
 40 other funds or accounts.

41 (3) Investment earnings from any portion of the fund.

42 (c) The expenses of administering the fund must be paid from



1 **the money in the fund.**

2 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund**
 3 **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 4 **manner as other public money may be invested.**

5 **(e) Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not**
 6 **revert to the state general fund.**

7 SECTION 7~~↔~~**[5]**. IC 14-23-6.6-7, AS ADDED BY
 8 P.L.124-2025, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a
 10 certified prescribed burn manager who conducts the prescribed burning
 11 in accordance with section 6 of this chapter is immune from civil
 12 liability for harm caused by the:

- 13 (1) prescribed burn; or
- 14 (2) smoke produced by the prescribed burn.

15 (b) The immunity described in subsection (a) does not apply if the
 16 harm was the result of the certified prescribed burn manager's:

- 17 (1) negligence; or
- 18 (2) willful and wanton misconduct.

19 (c) Subject to subsection (d), a landowner or landowner's agent
 20 who conducts prescribed burning on the landowner's property in
 21 accordance with section 6 of this chapter is immune from civil liability
 22 for harm caused by the:

- 23 (1) prescribed burn; or
- 24 (2) smoke produced by the prescribed burn.

25 (d) The immunity described in subsection (c) does not apply if the
 26 harm was the result of the:

- 27 (1) negligence of the landowner or the landowner's agent; or
- 28 (2) willful and wanton misconduct of the landowner or the
 29 landowner's agent.

30 (e) The ~~division of forestry's department's~~ officers, agents, and
 31 employees are immune from civil liability, in accordance with
 32 IC 34-13-3, arising out of any of the following:

- 33 (1) Participation in planning, undertaking, or assisting with
 34 prescribed burning.
- 35 (2) Administration of the prescribed burn certification program,
 36 including revocation of prescribed burn certifications issued
 37 under the program.

38 SECTION 7~~↔~~**[6]**. IC 14-27-7.3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 39 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.5. (a) **If the condition of a**
 41 **structure regulated by this chapter becomes so dangerous to the**
 42 **safety of life or property that the department determines there is**



1 **not sufficient time to issue and enforce an order to:**

2 **(1) maintain;**
 3 **(2) alter;**
 4 **(3) repair;**
 5 **(4) reconstruct;**
 6 **(5) change the construction or location; or**
 7 **(6) remove the structure;**

8 **in the manner required by this chapter, then the department may**
 9 **immediately take the measures necessary to provide emergency**
 10 **protection to life or property, or both, including the partial or**
 11 **complete removal of the structure.**

12 **(b) The department may recover the cost of the emergency**
 13 **measures taken under this section from the owner of the structure**
 14 **by appropriate legal action.**

15 SECTION 7~~5~~⁷. IC 14-30-3-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 16. (a) The
 17 commission, **in coordination with the department**, shall keep a
 18 record of the commission's resolutions, transactions, and findings. This
 19 record is a public record.

20 (b) The commission may adopt rules for the transaction of
 21 business.

22 SECTION 7~~6~~⁸. IC 14-30.5-2-2, AS AMENDED BY
 23 P.L.92-2025, SECTION 50, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) If one (1) county executive
 25 submits an ordinance and a written request for recognition of a
 26 proposed watershed development commission under section 1(c) of this
 27 chapter, the natural resources commission shall decide under
 28 subsections (c) through (e) whether to recognize the proposed
 29 commission.

30 (b) If the county executives of two (2) or more counties submit
 31 ordinances and written requests under section 1(c) of this chapter for
 32 recognition of a single proposed watershed development commission
 33 empowered to act in a single designated watershed that includes areas
 34 within both or all of the counties:

35 (1) the natural resources commission may not decide whether to
 36 recognize the proposed commission unless the provisions of the
 37 ordinances submitted under section 1(c)(1) of this chapter are
 38 essentially identical in:

39 (A) identifying the designated watershed; and
 40 (B) stating the purposes of the proposed commission; and
 41 (2) if the natural resources commission determines that the
 42 requirement set forth in subdivision (1) is met, the natural



resources commission shall decide under subsections (c) through (e) whether to recognize the proposed commission.

3 (c) Before making a decision whether to recognize a proposed
4 commission under this section, the **division of water, on behalf of the** []
5 natural resources commission, shall hold at least one (1) public
6 hearing concerning the proposed commission in each county whose
7 executive submitted an ordinance and a written request for recognition
8 of the proposed commission under section 1(c) of this chapter. Any
9 interested person attending a public hearing held under this subsection
10 shall have the right to:

11 (1) address the natural resources commission; and

12 (2) provide written comments;

on whether the proposed commission should be established. The **division of water, on behalf of the** natural resources commission, may convene the meeting, record the testimony given, and receive the written comments provided.

20 (1) by publication at least one (1) time in one (1) newspaper of
21 general circulation in the county in which the hearing will be
22 held; and

23 (2) through the website of the natural resources commission.

24 (e) In deciding whether to recognize a proposed commission, the
25 natural resources commission shall determine the answer to each of the
26 following questions:

27 (1) Are the purposes for which the proposed commission would
28 be established, as set forth in the ordinance or ordinances under
29 section 1(b)(3) of this chapter, within the purposes set forth in
30 IC 14-30.5-3-1 for which a watershed development commission
31 may be established?

32 (2) Do the purposes of the proposed commission, as set forth in
33 the ordinance or ordinances under section 1(b)(3) of this chapter,
34 correspond to legitimate flood damage reduction, drainage,
35 storm water management, recreation, or water infrastructure
36 needs of each county seeking establishment of the commission,
37 as set forth under section 1(b)(4) of this chapter?

38 (3) Is it reasonable to expect that the establishment of a
39 commission having powers under this article only in the county
40 or counties from which the ordinance or ordinances were
41 submitted under section 1(c)(1) of this chapter would effectively
42 address the flood damage reduction, drainage, storm water

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1 management, recreation, or water infrastructure needs of each
 2 county that submitted an ordinance under section 1(c)(1) of this
 3 chapter?

4 (4) Is it reasonable to expect that the establishment of a
 5 commission that has powers under this article only in the area or
 6 areas inside the geographic boundaries of the designated
 7 watershed would effectively address the flood damage reduction,
 8 drainage, storm water management, recreation, or water
 9 infrastructure needs of each county that submitted an ordinance
 10 under section 1(c)(1) of this chapter?

11 (5) Is the territory of the proposed commission at least as large
 12 as the entirety of the same eight (8) digit U.S. Geological Survey
 13 hydrologic unit code?

14 (6) Has a regional watershed study or watershed management
 15 plan been conducted in consultation with the Indiana finance
 16 authority and the department of natural resources that assesses
 17 water use, water quality, drinking water systems, wastewater
 18 management systems, storm water management, flood control,
 19 drainage management, recreational uses, natural resources, and
 20 water infrastructure needs of the watershed of the proposed
 21 commission? If so, can the establishment of the proposed
 22 commission be expected to address the needs identified in that
 23 study or management plan?

24 (f) If:

25 (1) one (1) county's executive submits an ordinance and a
 26 request for recognition of a proposed commission under section
 27 1(c) of this chapter; and

28 (2) the natural resources commission answers all of the questions
 29 set forth in subsection (e) favorably;

30 the natural resources commission shall issue an order recognizing the
 31 watershed development commission and recognizing the county
 32 referred to in subdivision (1) as a member of the watershed
 33 development commission.

34 (g) If:

35 (1) executives of two (2) or more counties submit ordinances and
 36 requests for recognition of a proposed watershed development
 37 commission under section 1(c) of this chapter; and

38 (2) the natural resources commission answers all of the questions
 39 set forth in subsection (e) favorably with respect to at least one
 40 (1) of the counties;

41 the natural resources commission shall issue an order recognizing the
 42 watershed development commission and recognizing as a member of



1 the watershed development commission each county with respect to
 2 which the natural resources commission answered all of the questions
 3 set forth in subsection (e) favorably.

4 (h) If the natural resources commission does not answer all of the
 5 questions set forth in subsection (e) favorably with respect to a county,
 6 the natural resources commission shall:

7 (1) inform the executive of the county in writing of its decision;
 8 and

9 (2) specify in the writing the reason or reasons for each
 10 unfavorable answer.

11 (i) The action of the natural resources commission under this
 12 section in declining to recognize a proposed watershed development
 13 commission for a particular watershed does not preclude the later
 14 submission of one (1) or more new ordinances and written requests for
 15 recognition of a proposed watershed development commission for the
 16 same designated watershed.

17 (j) An action of the natural resources commission under this
 18 section declining to recognize a particular county as a member of a
 19 watershed development commission does not preclude the later
 20 submission of:

21 (1) another ordinance and written request under section 1(c) of
 22 this chapter for recognition of the county as a member of another
 23 proposed watershed development commission; or

24 (2) an ordinance and written request under section 4 or 5 of this
 25 chapter proposing the county for membership in an established
 26 watershed development commission.

27 SECTION 7~~7~~[9]. IC 14-30.5-2-6, AS AMENDED BY
 28 P.L.92-2025, SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) A county to which section 4
 30 or 5 of this chapter applies may not become a member of an existing
 31 watershed development commission unless:

32 (1) the executives of all of the counties that are members of the
 33 existing commission adopt ordinances accepting the county as a
 34 member county of the existing commission; and

35 (2) the natural resources commission issues an order under this
 36 section recognizing the county as a member county of the
 37 existing commission.

38 (b) Before making a decision whether to recognize a county as a
 39 member county of an existing commission under this section, the
 40 natural resources commission shall hold at least one (1) public hearing
 41 in the county concerning the proposed membership of the county in the
 42 existing commission. Any interested person attending a public hearing



1 held under this subsection shall have the right to:

2 (1) address the natural resources commission; and

3 (2) provide written comments;

4 concerning the proposed membership of the county in the existing

5 commission. The **division of water, on behalf of the** natural resources

6 commission, may convene the meeting, record the testimony given, and

7 receive the written comments provided.

8 (c) The **division of water, on behalf of the** natural resources

9 commission, shall give notice of a public hearing to be held under

10 subsection (b):

11 (1) by publication at least one (1) time in one (1) newspaper of

12 general circulation in the county in which the hearing will be

13 held; and

14 (2) through the website of the natural resources commission.

15 (d) In deciding whether to recognize a county to which section 4

16 or 5 of this chapter applies as a member of an existing commission, the

17 natural resources commission shall determine the answer to each of the

18 following questions:

19 (1) Do the stated purposes for which the watershed development

20 commission was established correspond to the flood damage

21 reduction, drainage, storm water management, recreation, or

22 water infrastructure needs of the county, as stated under section

23 4(b)(3) or 5(b)(3) of this chapter?

24 (2) Is it reasonable to expect that the county's flood damage

25 reduction, drainage, storm water management, recreation, or

26 water infrastructure needs, as stated under section 4(b)(3) or

27 5(b)(3) of this chapter, would be addressed more effectively if

28 the county were a member of the existing commission than those

29 needs have previously been addressed?

30 (3) Would the county's membership in the existing commission

31 diminish the effectiveness of the existing watershed

32 development commission in addressing the flood damage

33 reduction, drainage, storm water management, recreation, or

34 water infrastructure needs of other member counties?

35 (4) Is the territory of the proposed commission at least as large

36 as the entirety of the same eight (8) digit U.S. Geological Survey

37 hydrologic unit code?

38 (5) Has a regional watershed study or watershed management

39 plan been conducted in consultation with Indiana finance

40 authority and the department of natural resources that assesses

41 water use, water quality, drinking water systems, wastewater

42 management systems, storm water management, flood control,

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1 drainage management, recreational uses, natural resources, and
 2 water infrastructure needs of the watershed of the proposed
 3 commission? If so, can the establishment of the proposed
 4 commission be expected to address the needs identified in that
 5 study or management plan?

6 (e) If the natural resources commission answers all of the
 7 questions set forth in subsection (d) favorably, the natural resources
 8 commission shall issue an order recognizing the membership of the
 9 county in the existing commission.

10 (f) If the natural resources commission does not answer all of the
 11 questions set forth in subsection (d) favorably, the natural resources
 12 commission shall inform the executive of the county to which section
 13 4 or 5 of this chapter applies in writing of its decision and specify in the
 14 writing the reason or reasons for each unfavorable answer.

15 (g) An action of the natural resources commission under this
 16 section declining to recognize a county as a member of an established
 17 watershed development commission does not preclude the later
 18 submission of another ordinance under section 4 or 5 of this chapter
 19 seeking membership for the county in an existing commission.

20 SECTION ~~78~~^[80]. IC 14-31-3-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 4. As used in this chapter, "harvest season" means
 22 the season established by the commission under section 14(b)(1) of this
 23 chapter.

24 SECTION ~~79~~^[81]. IC 14-31-3-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 25 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter,
 27 "licensee" refers to a person issued any of the following valid
 28 licenses under this chapter:

- 29 (1) A ginseng dealer license.
- 30 (2) A ginseng harvester license.

31 SECTION 8~~8~~^[2]. IC 14-31-3-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE
 32 INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5.5. As used in this chapter,
 34 "valid license" refers to a license that:

- 35 (1) is issued by the department; and
- 36 (2) has not been suspended or revoked under section 11 of
 37 this chapter.

38 SECTION 8~~8~~^[3]. IC 14-31-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A person may
 40 not harvest, buy, or sell ginseng in Indiana without the proper
 41 license issued by the department under section 8 of this chapter.

42 (b) A person must have be issued a valid license issued by the



1 **department during the current selling season** to be a ginseng dealer
2 in Indiana.

5 SECTION 8~~↔~~[4]. IC 14-31-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) To obtain a
7 ginseng:

16 There is no cost for a license issued by the department under
17 subdivision (2).

25 (1) name, address, telephone number, and signature of the
26 real property owner; and
27 (2) start and end date the ginseng harvester is authorized to
28 harvest ginseng on the real property.

29 Unless the end date of the written authorization specifies otherwise,
30 the department must assume the end date of the authorization is
31 the end of the current harvest season.

37 (f) Not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the last day of
38 a selling season, a ginseng dealer must submit to the department
39 via the online ginseng portal a summary of all ginseng bought and
40 sold by the ginseng dealer during the selling season. The summary
41 must also contain the following information in the manner
42 required by the department:

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- (1) The name, address, and license number of each person who bought ginseng from the dealer or sold ginseng to the dealer.
- (2) The type, weight, and condition of the ginseng, wild simulated or artificially propagated, that was bought or sold.
- (3) The number and date of shipments and the county from which ginseng is taken by a harvester.

8 SECTION 8~~5~~5. IC 14-31-3-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this
10 section, "selling season" means the season established by the
11 commission under section 14(b)(2) of this chapter. The selling season
12 for ginseng begins September 1 each year and ends March 31 of the
13 following calendar year.

- (1) Another ginseng dealer.
- (2) A ginseng exporter.
- (3) For export from the ginseng dealer.

(d) A ginseng dealer may retain ginseng for sale that is lawfully acquired during the selling season under subsection (a) if the ginseng dealer obtains from the department a certificate of ginseng shipment issued within the same selling season as the transaction took place.

- (1) examine the certificate of ginseng shipment;
- (2) examine the ginseng shipment; and
- (3) if approved, certify and date the certificate via the ginseng portal.

- (1) One (1) copy must be retained by the department.
- (2) One (1) copy must accompany the ginseng shipment.
- (3) One (1) copy must be retained by the ginseng dealer for

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the ginseng dealer's records.

SECTION 8~~4~~⁶. IC 14-31-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) Wild ginseng may not be harvested except during the harvest season.

(b) Ginseng harvested in Indiana may not be possessed by a ginseng harvester during the part of a year established under section 14(b)(3) of this chapter, after the selling season unless the department gives written authorization. otherwise:

(c) Ginseng harvested in Indiana may not be bought, sold, or possessed by a ginseng dealer during the part of a year established under section 14(b)(4) of this chapter, unless the department gives written authorization otherwise.

(d) (c) Ginseng that is harvested in Indiana may not be taken from Indiana without written authorization from the department.

(d) A ginseng dealer must maintain true and complete records of the ginseng dealer's purchases and sales of ginseng. The department may, at a reasonable time, inspect the:

(1) records; and

(2) business premises;

of the ginseng dealer.

(e) A ginseng dealer or ginseng harvester may not misrepresent in:

(1) a report;

(2) a log;

(3) a certificate; or

(4) any other record required under this chapter;

(4) any other record required under this chapter, that a substance is ginseng if the ginseng dealer or ginseng harvester knows, or reasonably should know, that all or a portion of the substance is a substance other than ginseng.

(f) A ginseng dealer or ginseng harvester may not knowingly include false or incorrect information in:

(1) a document:

(2) a log:

(2) a log,
(3) a certificate; or

(4) any other record required under this chapter.

If a ginseng dealer or ginseng harvester determines that information under this subsection is incorrect, the ginseng dealer shall immediately inform the department of the correct information.

SECTION 8~~5~~5[7]. IC 14-31-3-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2025, SECTION 52, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. **(a) The department may**

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1 **suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter if the**
 2 **licensee:**

- 3 (1) **violates any provision of this chapter;**
- 4 (2) **fails to report the records required under this chapter in**
 5 **the manner specified by the department;**
- 6 (3) **fails to submit the information required to be submitted**
 7 **to the department:**
 - 8 (A) **quarterly; or**
 - 9 (B) **annually;**
- 10 (4) **has a suspended or revoked license to harvest or deal**
 11 **ginseng in another state; or**
- 12 (5) **is prohibited from harvesting or dealing ginseng in**
 13 **another state or any reason.**

14 (b) The department may revoke or suspend the license of a
 15 person who violates this chapter. All proceedings under this chapter to
 16 revoke or suspend a license are subject to IC 4-21.5, chapter for:

- 17 (1) **any period of time for which the license was issued; or**
- 18 (2) **a period not longer than five (5) years.**
- 19 (b) If a court determines that a person has violated this chapter, the
 20 court may, in addition to any other penalty, do the following:
 - 21 (1) Suspend or revoke the license of the person for any period of
 22 time for which the license was issued.
 - 23 (2) Order that a license not be issued to the person for a period
 24 not longer than five (5) years.

25 SECTION 8~~6~~⁸ IC 14-31-3-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a) **The following**
 27 **definitions apply throughout this section:**

- 28 (1) **"Internode"** means a section containing a stem scar.
- 29 (2) **"Prong"** means a true compound leaf, including five (5)
 30 leaflets that consist of three (3) large leaflets and two (2)
 31 small leaflets.

32 (b) The department may carry out scientific research on for
 33 ginseng to determine the following:

- 34 (1) The distribution and abundance of ginseng throughout
 35 Indiana.
- 36 (2) The effects of current and future harvesting and cultivation
 37 practices on the survival of ginseng in Indiana.

38 (c) **The ginseng harvest season begins September 1 and ends**
 39 **December 31 of each year.**

40 (d) **A person may not harvest or possess harvested wild**
 41 **ginseng unless the:**

- 42 (1) **person is issued a valid license to harvest ginseng;**



11 (ii) At least four (4) internodes on the rhizome.

16 SECTION 8~~7~~⁹[9]. IC 14-31-3-13 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2026]. See: 13. The department may establish ginseng
18 harvesting quotas based on the results of research and data collection.

19 SECTION ~~88~~ [90]. IC 14-31-3-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
20 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The department
21 may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are necessary to carry out to
22 implement this chapter.

25 (1) Establish the harvest season.

26 (2) Establish the selling season.

(3) Establish the part of a year when ginseng harvested in Indiana may not be possessed by a ginseng harvester without written authorization from the department.

(4) Establish the part of a year when ginseng harvested in Indiana may not be bought, sold, or possessed by a ginseng dealer without written authorization from the department.

39 SECTION ~~40~~91. IC 14-31-3-15, AS AMENDED BY
40 P.L.111-2016, SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
41 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 15. A ginseng dealer
42 person who harvests, buys, or sells ginseng without a valid license

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1 issued under section 8 of this chapter, or who otherwise violates
 2 this chapter commits:

3 (1) purchases or sells ginseng for resale or exportation without
 4 a license; or
 5 (2) obtains a license because of a false or an incorrect statement;
 6 commits
 7 (1) a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense;
 8 (2) a Class B misdemeanor for a second offense; or
 9 (3) a Class A misdemeanor for a third offense and each
 10 subsequent offense.

11 SECTION 9~~↔~~[2]. IC 14-31-3-16 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 16. A person who harvests ginseng out of a
 13 harvest season in violation of section 10 of this chapter commits a
 14 Class B misdemeanor.

15 SECTION 9~~↔~~[3]. IC 14-31-3-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 17. A person who possesses unprocessed ginseng
 17 out of a harvest season in violation of section 10 of this chapter
 18 commits a Class B misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 9~~↔~~[4]. IC 14-31-3-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 18. A person who harvests ginseng in an amount
 21 greater than a quota established under section 13 of this chapter
 22 commits a Class B infraction.

23 SECTION 9~~↔~~[5]. IC 14-31-3-19 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 24 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 19. A ginseng dealer who buys, sells, or possesses
 25 ginseng in violation of section 10 of this chapter commits a Class B
 26 misdemeanor.

27 SECTION 9~~↔~~[6]. IC 14-31-3-20 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 20. A person who, without written authorization
 29 from the department, takes or sends from Indiana ginseng that is
 30 harvested in Indiana in violation of section 9 of this chapter commits
 31 a Class A misdemeanor.

32 SECTION 9~~↔~~[7]. IC 14-31-3-21 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 21. A person who knowingly or intentionally:

34 (1) takes or sends from Indiana ginseng that was harvested in
 35 another state for export from the United States; or
 36 (2) receives ginseng that was harvested in another state for
 37 export from the United States;
 38 without written authorization to export the ginseng under the laws of
 39 the state in which the ginseng was harvested commits a Class A
 40 misdemeanor.

41 SECTION 9~~↔~~[8]. IC 14-33-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) A conservancy

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district may be established for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Flood prevention and control.
- (2) Improving drainage.
- (3) Providing for irrigation.
- (4) Providing water supply, including treatment and distribution, for domestic, industrial, and public use.
- (5) Providing for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage and other liquid wastes.
- (6) Developing forests, wildlife areas, parks, and recreational facilities if feasible in connection with beneficial water management.
- (7) Preventing the loss of topsoil from injurious water erosion.
- (8) Storage of water for augmentation of stream flow.
- (9) Operation, maintenance, and improvement of:
 - (A) a work of improvement for water based recreational purposes; or
 - (B) other work of improvement that could have been built for any other purpose authorized by this section.

(10) Improve water quality.

23 SECTION 9~~7~~⁹[9]. IC 14-33-2-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 19. (a) In determining
25 the facts, the **division of water, on behalf of the commission, shall do**
26 **the following:**

32 (3) The commission shall Choose the county seat.

37 SECTION ~~98~~ [100]. IC 14-33-2-22 IS AMENDED TO READ
38 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 22. The
39 commission, **in coordination with the department**, shall make a
40 report of the commission's findings to the court, including findings on
41 the territorial limits of the proposed district. The commission shall
42 make this report within one hundred twenty (120) days after the

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1 petition is referred to the commission, unless the commission requests
 2 and receives approval from the court for additional periods of thirty
 3 (30) days each.

4 SECTION ~~99~~¹⁰¹ IC 14-38-1-13, AS AMENDED BY
 5 P.L.118-2009, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 13. (a) All proceeds derived:

7 (1) from or by virtue or by reason of a permit or lease executed
 8 or issued under this chapter; or

9 (2) from or by reason of any operations under this chapter;
 10 shall, after deducting all costs incurred by the department, be paid to
 11 the treasurer of state for the use of the division of the department
 12 having the custody, control, possession, or authority of or over the real
 13 property involved.

14 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the proceeds shall be
 15 deposited in the proper fund of the appropriate division of the
 16 department.

17 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the proceeds from
 18 royalties or other compensation paid for minerals taken from beneath
 19 the navigable waters of the state shall be deposited in the state general
 20 fund.

21 (d) The proceeds from royalties or other compensation paid for
 22 minerals taken from beneath the navigable waters of the Wabash River
 23 (as defined in IC 14-13-6-4) shall **must** be deposited **as follows**:

24 (1) **Twenty percent (20%)** in the Wabash River heritage
 25 corridor fund established by IC 14-13-6-23.

26 (2) **Eighty percent (80%) in the oil and gas fund established
 27 by IC 6-8-1-27.**

28 SECTION 10~~10~~² IC 25-36.5-1-3, AS AMENDED BY
 29 P.L.155-2015, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Every person
 31 registered as a timber buyer shall file with the department an effective
 32 surety bond issued by a corporate surety authorized to engage in the
 33 business of executing surety bonds in Indiana.

34 (b) Instead of the bond required by subsection (a), the department
 35 may accept security in cash or a certificate of deposit under terms
 36 established by rule.

37 (c) The security required under subsection (a) or (b) shall be made
 38 payable upon demand to the director, subject to this chapter, for the use
 39 and benefit of the people of Indiana and for the use and benefit of any
 40 timber grower from whom the applicant purchased and who is not paid
 41 by the applicant or for the use and benefit of any timber grower whose
 42 timber has been cut by the applicant or registrant or the applicant's or



1 registrant's agents, and who has not been paid for the timber.

2 (d) The security required under subsection (a) or (b) shall be in the
 3 principal amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for an applicant who
 4 paid timber growers ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less for timber
 5 during the immediate preceding year, and an additional one hundred
 6 dollars (\$100) for each additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or
 7 fraction thereof paid to timber growers for timber purchased during the
 8 preceding year. However:

9 (1) before January 1, 2017, the security required may not be
 10 more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); and

11 (2) after December 31, 2016, the security required may not be
 12 more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

13 If an applicant has not previously engaged in business as a timber
 14 buyer, the amount of the bond shall be based on the estimated dollar
 15 amount to be paid by the timber buyer to timber growers for timber
 16 purchased during the next succeeding year, as set forth in the
 17 application.

18 (e) The security required under subsection (a) or (b) shall not be
 19 canceled or altered during the period for which the certificate to the
 20 applicant was issued except upon at least sixty (60) days notice in
 21 writing to the department.

22 (f) Security shall be in a form and contain the terms and conditions
 23 as may be approved from time to time by the director, be conditioned
 24 to secure an honest cutting and accounting for timber purchased by the
 25 registrant, secure payment to the timber growers, and insure the timber
 26 growers against all fraudulent acts of the registrant in the purchase and
 27 cutting of the timber of this state.

28 (g) If a timber buyer fails to pay when due any amount due a
 29 timber grower for timber purchased, or fails to pay legally determined
 30 damages for timber wrongfully cut by a timber buyer or the timber
 31 buyer's agent, or commits any violation of this chapter, an adjudicative
 32 proceeding on the bond for forfeiture may be commenced, and notice
 33 of the proceeding shall be provided, under IC 4-21.5-3-6. A surety or
 34 person in possession of the security provided under subsection (a) or
 35 (b) is entitled to notification of the proceeding. If a final agency action
 36 is entered by the department under this subsection against the timber
 37 buyer, the surety or other person in possession of the security shall
 38 deliver the amount of the security identified in the order. A proceeding
 39 for forfeiture of a timber buyer's bond under IC 4-21.5 is the exclusive
 40 remedy under law for the forfeiture of the bond.

41 (h) An owner of property seeking a preliminary injunction or
 42 restraining order against a person, corporation, or other entity to



1 prevent or stop the wrongful cutting of timber on the owner's property
 2 is relieved of the requirement to post a bond or other security with the
 3 court as a prerequisite to the issuance of the preliminary injunction or
 4 restraining order. However, this subsection does not apply to a property
 5 owner who seeks a preliminary injunction or restraining order to
 6 prevent or stop alleged wrongful cutting by a timber cutter or timber
 7 buyer with whom the property owner had contracted for the cutting or
 8 sale of timber.

9 **(i) The department may use a bond paid under this section to:**

10 **(1) recover the costs of damage associated with the issued
 11 license; or**

12 **(2) ensure performance of the contract.**

13 **Timber license bonds may be used to meet performance bonding
 14 regarding buying cut logs from the timber lands of the department.**

15 SECTION 10~~↔~~[3]. IC 25-36.5-1-10, AS AMENDED BY
 16 P.L.158-2013, SECTION 292, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. **(a)** A person who:

18 (1) engages in business as a timber buyer without securing a
 19 registration or in violation of this chapter; or

20 (2) refuses to permit inspection of the person's premises, books,
 21 accounts, or records as provided in this chapter;

22 commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 6
 23 felony if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense
 24 under this section.

25 **(b) A person who violates this chapter shall repay the cost of
 26 damages not covered by the bond paid by the person. If a person
 27 under this subsection does not repay the cost of damages in full, the
 28 person is ineligible to purchase timber from the department for at
 29 least one (1) year.**

30 SECTION 10~~↔~~[4]. IC 25-39-3-5 IS ADDED TO THE
 31 INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. **(a) An applicant may request
 33 informal review of a failed written or practical examination from
 34 the division of water of the department.**

35 **(b) An applicant requesting an informal review under
 36 subsection (a) must submit the request for informal review with the
 37 director of the division of water, or the director's designee, not
 38 later than the earlier of:**

39 **(1) fifteen (15) days after the applicant is notified of the
 40 failing score, if the notification of the failing score includes:**

41 **(A) the address of the person to whom the request under
 42 this subsection must be directed; and**

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1 SECTION 1~~49~~[11]. IC 35-52-14-43 IS REPEALED
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]. See: ~~IC 14-31-3-21~~ defines a crime
3 concerning nature preserves.

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