

## S.F. No. 1533 – 2021 DNR Policy Bill

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**Section 1 [Investment of Financial Assurance Money Under Permit to Mine]** allows the State Board of Investment to invest money collected as part of the financial assurance provided under a permit to mine and appropriates that money to the commissioner of natural resources for financial assurance purposes.

**Section 2 [Asset Preservation Activity Reporting Date]** changes to March 1 from January 15 the date by which the commissioner of natural resources must submit to the commissioner of management and budget a list of projects paid for with money from a natural resource asset preservation and replacement appropriation during the preceding calendar year.

**Section 3 [State Park Open House Day Application to Overnight Guests]** clarifies that on state park open house days, registered guests are exempt from state park permit requirements until camping or lodging check-out time the following day.

**Section 4 [Shooting at Decoys from Motor Vehicles]** prohibits shooting a decoy of a wild animal placed by a peace officer by discharging a firearm or an arrow from a bow from a motor vehicle.

**Section 5 [Blaze Orange/Pink Required for Persons in Ground Blinds]** requires a person in a fabric or synthetic ground blind on public land during the open season where deer may be taken by firearms to have a blaze orange or blaze pink on top of the blind and on each side of the blind.

**Section 6 [Repeal of Duck Decoy Prohibitions]** repeals prohibition on using duck decoys during early duck season and at any time in WMAs. Instead, the commissioner of natural resources has authority to designate by rule all or any portion of a wetland or lake closed to the use of decoys.

**Section 7 [Permissible Methods of Taking Turtles]** prohibits taking turtles through the use of firearms, bow and arrow, crossbow, spears, harpoons, or other implements that impale turtles.

**Section 8 [Turtle Species Possession Limits]** Adds possession limits for Western painted turtles, spiny softshell turtles, and other species of turtles.