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Bill Number: HB291 ER

Patron: Anderson

Bill Title: Department of Wildlife Resources; fishing tackle recycling and disposal; educational webpage; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Wildlife Resources (the Department) to (i) develop, publish, and maintain a dedicated webpage on its website to educate the recreational fishing community and the general public about the importance of responsible recycling and disposal of fishing tackle, as defined in the bill, and (ii) periodically update such webpage to ensure that educational materials are current, relevant, and effective in promoting responsible fishing practices. The bill directs the Department to publish the webpage by January 1, 2027, and update the page at least every three years in consultation with relevant state agencies and stakeholders.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None.

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR); however, no budget action is needed.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any fiscal impacts can be absorbed by DWR within existing appropriations.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill requires DWR to create and publish a web page providing information regarding the importance of the responsible recycling of fishing tackle, as defined in the bill. It is anticipated that the web page can be added to DWR's existing website and, according to the agency, any fiscal impact can be absorbed within current resources.

Other: None.