

HOUSE BILL No. 1562

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Citations Affected: IC 14-22-8.5.

Synopsis: Habitat conservation stamp. Establishes the Indiana fish and wildlife habitat conservation stamp.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

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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 14-22-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]:
4 **Chapter 8.5. Indiana Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation**
5 **Stamp**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
7 **natural resources commission established by IC 14-10-1-1.**
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "stamp" refers to the Indiana**
9 **fish and wildlife habitat conservation stamp provided for by this**
10 **chapter. The term includes any duplication or reproduction of the**
11 **Indiana fish and wildlife habitat conservation stamp.**
12 **Sec. 3. The purpose of the Indiana fish and wildlife habitat**
13 **conservation stamp is to contribute to the conservation of habitats**
14 **of various fish and wildlife in Indiana.**
15 **Sec. 4. (a) The department shall, by contest or other appropriate**
16 **means, arrange for the design and selection of the stamp, and make**
17 **available for sale a voluntary fish and wildlife habitat conservation**



- 1 stamp.
- 2 (b) The stamp shall be made available for purchase on the
3 department's online automated point of sale system for fishing and
4 hunting licenses, state park annual entrance permits, annual
5 off-road cycling permits, or any other annual license or permit
6 offered by the department. Stamps and any other product that
7 contain an image or likeness of the stamp may be purchased from:
8 (1) any license agent authorized to sell licenses under
9 IC 14-22;
10 (2) any state park property; or
11 (3) the department.
- 12 (c) The commission may set a fee for each stamp of not less than
13 ten dollars (\$10) and not more than thirty dollars (\$30).
- 14 (d) A license agent who sells a stamp may charge and retain an
15 additional fee, as determined by the department, for selling the
16 stamp.
- 17 (e) A license agent selling stamps under this section shall, not
18 later than five (5) days after the close of each quarter:
19 (1) report to the director of the department:
20 (A) the number of stamps sold by the agent during the
21 preceding quarter; and
22 (B) the number of unsold stamps remaining in the
23 possession of the agent; and
24 (2) remit all money collected for the stamps, minus the fee
25 provided for in subsection (d), to the department.
- 26 (f) The money collected by the department from the sale of the
27 stamps shall be deposited as follows:
28 (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the money shall be deposited in the
29 Indiana fish and wildlife account of the President Benjamin
30 Harrison conservation trust fund established by
31 IC 14-12-2-25.
32 (2) Fifty percent (50%) of the money shall be deposited in the
33 nongame fund established by IC 14-22-34-20.
- 34 Sec. 5. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
35 implement this chapter.

