

NO. 215. AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT.

(H.881)

Sec. 296a. FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT; FUNDING; TASK

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(a) The governor shall appoint a fish and wildlife funding task force of up to nine members to develop recommendations for comprehensive, sustainable funding mechanisms for the operations of the department of fish and wildlife which complement existing funding sources. The task force shall, among other things, consider whether costs of work carried out by fish and wildlife department personnel in providing technical services to permitting bodies and in enforcing laws and regulations other than fish and wildlife laws and regulations, should be paid for from other agency and department funds, as appropriate.

(b) The office of finance and management shall provide staff services to the committee. Members may receive a per diem and expenses pursuant to section 1010 of Title 32. On or before January 15, 2007, the committee shall report its recommendations to the governor and the following legislative committees: the senate committees on finance, on appropriations, and on natural resources and energy; and the house committees on ways and means, on appropriations, and on fish, wildlife and water resources.