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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Create an Effective Deer Habitat Enhancement and Coyote Control Program'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Deer habitat enhancement and coyote control program. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts related to creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes. In reviewing the programs and efforts, the working group shall look for ways to improve and increase wintering habitat for deer and for ways to increase the survivorship of deer on a year-round basis. The working group shall also establish methods of controlling coyote populations and set goals to manage the coyote populations; and be it further'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "commissioner's findings and recommendations" and inserting the following: 'working group's findings, recommendations and draft legislation'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts for creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes.