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Bill Number: **HB 406**

Short Title: **Hunting - Snares, Traps, and Other Similar Devices - Identification Requirement**

Department's Position: **Support**

Explanation of Department's Position

The Department supports HB 406 because it may assist in field investigations concerning trapping activities.

Background Information

As part of the hunting and trapping licensing process, individuals must acquire a one-time, permanent identification number issued by the department. This number is known as a DNRid. Along with purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, the DNRid is also used to register harvested game, apply for permits, and for other DNR-related activities. HB 406 would require traps, snares, and similar devices to be marked with the DNRid under certain circumstances.

Bill Explanation

HB 406 requires traps, snares, and other similar devices to be marked or tagged with an identification number (DNRid) issued by the department to the person placing the device. The department can waive this requirement if the device is used only on private property that is owned or rented by the person placing the device.

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