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- 1 **Game birds.** Includes mourning doves as a game bird.
- 2 **Unprotected birds.** Differentiates Eurasian collared doves from mourning doves.
- 3 **Establishment by commissioner.** Declares that a state game refuge may be less than 640 contiguous acres, if it borders a waterbody suitable for wildlife habitat.
- 4 **Establishment by petition of land holders.** Allows the DNR to designate a portion of a land area in a petition as a game refuge.
- 5 **Establishment by petition of county residents.** Changes law for DNR designation of a game refuge.
- 6 **Migratory waterfowl sanctuary.** Changes terminology and permits the DNR to designate by rule part of a game refuge or lake as a migratory waterfowl sanctuary.
- 7 **Waterfowl feeding and resting areas.** Technical.
- 8 **Hearing.** Clarifies the scope of court hearing when value of illegal animals is over \$500.
- 9 **Suspension for failure to appear in court or to pay a fine or surcharge.** Requires the DNR Commissioner to suspend a person's game and fish license and permit privileges for three years, if:
 - (a) the person doesn't appear in court for a game and fish violation; or
 - (b) does not pay a fine or surcharge after being sentenced to do so.
- 10 **Separate selection of eligible licensees.** Restricts certain turkey licenses to specific agricultural land owned or leased by the license holder.
- 11 **Veteran preference.** Allows current, or veterans serving within the past 24 months, armed forces members to receive preference in drawings or lottery systems for wildlife licenses and

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- special permits.
- 12 Youth resident hunting.** Raises the age from 16 to 18 for license fees to take deer with firearms and archery.
- 13 Trapping license.** Adds a new trapping license fee for nonresidents of \$73.
- 14 Importation of hunter-harvested cervidae.** Clarifies the importation and transportation of cervidae carcasses into and through the state.
- 15 Birds must be in undressed condition; exceptions.** Allows dressed migratory game birds to be transported, if they are lawfully tagged and packed by a federally permitted preservation facility.
- 16 Hunting restricted between evening and morning.** Clarifies shooting hours for hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds.
- 17 Residents under age 18 may take deer of either sex.** Raises the age from 16 to 18 for a resident to take a deer of either sex.
- 18 All season deer license.** Clarifies when a resident may take an antlerless deer.
- 19 Nonresidents: raccoon, bobcat, fox, coyote, Canada lynx.** Clarifies that a nonresident, possessing a small game license, must also have a separate license to take raccoon, bobcat, fox, coyote, or Canada lynx by firearm.
- 20 Nonresidents; trapping small game.** States that, with the proper licenses, a nonresident only may trap small game on land owned by the person.
- 21 Mourning doves.** Allows an open season to take mourning doves, with a small game license.
- 22 License and stamp validation required to take turkey: tagging and registration requirements.** Allows an unlicensed adult to assist a turkey hunter as long as the adult doesn't possess a firearm or bow and arrow.
- 23 Ice houses.** Clarifies when attended ice houses may be on the ice in the southern part of the state.
- 24 Turtle seller's license.** Mandates that the number of turtle licenses issued in 2004 may not be exceeded in any subsequent year.
- 25 License exemptions.** Clarifies, in taking or selling turtles for racing purposes, that turtles have to be at least 4 inches in length.
- 26 Report; change in shooting hours.** Requires a report on changes in section 12 to the legislature committees on natural resources policy by January 15, 2007.
- 27 Report; mourning dove season.** Requires a report, by August 1, 2005, on the results and impact of the mourning dove season.
- 28 Repealer.** Repeals the existing statutory prohibition on taking mourning doves and the restriction on the use of vehicles for trapping beaver and otter.
- 29 Effective date.** Makes sections 1, 2, 8, 11, 21, 27 and 28, paragraph (a), effective the day following final enactment.