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SENATE BILL 168

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Compensation For Wrongfully Seized Game

Senate Bill 168 aims to fairly compensate hunters who have had their game wrongfully seized by the State. Right now, hunters who have their game wrongfully seized by the Troopers are given the opportunity to receive a road-killed animal to compensate for the State's mistake. An animal that has been killed by a vehicle, and then left to sit until it can be dealt with by the proper authorities is not adequate compensation for a hunter who has spent the time, energy, and money to harvest an animal and then keep its meat in prime condition.

This legislation will ensure that any hunter who has had a hoofed game animal seized will receive monetary compensation for the approximate weight of the game meat taken, multiplied by the going price of beef in the area where it was seized. This is a more equitable compensation to a hunter for their time, money, and effort.

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation for the benefit of all the hunters in this state who have wrongfully lost their game.