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SENATE BILL 168 Version R

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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 an animal to compensate for the State's mistake. An animal that has been killed by a vehicle or shot illegally and not properly cared for 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 an edible game animal seized will receive monetary compensation for that animal. This compensation is based on the restitution schedule in statute that assigns the monetary value of the animal for the state.

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.