

SB 5188 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the director to establish a wildlife rehabilitation program to help support the critical role rehabilitators play in caring for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in our state. The director shall contract for wildlife rehabilitation services in each of the department's six administrative regions. The contracts must be for a term of two years.

Provides that, to be eligible for this program, the wildlife rehabilitator must be properly licensed under state and federal law. The department must require that contractors submit detailed reports accounting for all expenditures of state funds. The reports must be submitted to the department annually.