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HOUSE BILL 2678

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By Representatives Quall, Reams, King, Anderson, Jones, Kessler and Conway; by request of Governor Lowry

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1 AN ACT Relating to expediting the implementation of the merger of  
2 the departments of fisheries and wildlife into the department of fish  
3 and wildlife; amending RCW 43.300.900; amending 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 7  
4 (uncodified); amending 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 79 (uncodified); repealing RCW  
5 75.54.006; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 7 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 The director of fisheries and the director of wildlife shall, by  
10 November 15, 1993, jointly submit a plan to the governor for the  
11 consolidation and smooth transition of the department of fisheries and  
12 the department of wildlife into the department of fish and wildlife so  
13 that the department of fish and wildlife will operate as a single  
14 entity on ((July)) March 1, 1994. The wildlife commission shall make  
15 recommendations for the consolidation of the agencies to the governor  
16 and the two directors. The fish and wildlife commission shall review  
17 its area of responsibility in the consolidated agency and submit  
18 recommendations by December 1, 1994, to the governor and the  
19 appropriate standing committees of the legislature on any necessary

1 changes in its statutory authority. The legislative budget committee  
2 shall study the role of the fish and wildlife commission and prepare a  
3 report on recommended changes to the governor and the appropriate  
4 standing committees of the legislature by December 1, 1994.

5 **Sec. 2.** 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 79 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 On (~~July~~) March 1, 1994, the state treasurer shall follow the  
8 recommendations of the director of financial management on the  
9 disbursement of funds from the state wildlife fund to the department of  
10 fish and wildlife solely for the purposes of funding programs for  
11 wildlife and game fish. Beginning March 1, 1994, funds from the state  
12 wildlife fund shall be used only for the department of fish and  
13 wildlife (~~(after June 30, 1994)~~).

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 75.54.006 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 101 are  
15 each repealed.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.300.900 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 102 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 Sections 1 through 6, 8 through 59, and 61 through 79 (~~(of this~~  
19 ~~act)~~), chapter 2, Laws of 1993 sp.s. shall take effect (~~(July)~~) March  
20 1, 1994.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
24 effect March 1, 1994.

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