



# SENATE MOTION

**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

**I move** that Senate Bill 241 be amended to read as follows:

- 1           Page 1, line 3, delete "A person shall obtain a license to take a  
2 bobcat" and insert "**Before considering a bobcat hunting season the**  
3 **department, in consultation with other relevant:**
- 4           **(1) state agencies;**
  - 5           **(2) local governments;**
  - 6           **(3) federal agencies;**
  - 7           **(4) nongovernmental organizations;**
  - 8           **(5) landowners; and**
  - 9           **(6) scientific entities;**
- 10          **shall develop a bobcat management plan to inform and coordinate**  
11          **management decisions regarding bobcat populations.**
- 12          **(b)The bobcat management plan shall use the best available**  
13          **science and utilize an ecosystem based approach. The bobcat**  
14          **management plan shall be submitted by the department to the:**
- 15               **(1) commission; and**
  - 16               **(2) general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 17          **(c) The bobcat management plan shall include all of the**  
18          **following:**
- 19               **(1) A current statewide bobcat population estimate based on**  
20               **the best available science.**
  - 21               **(2) An assessment of the overall health of the statewide bobcat**  
22               **population.**
  - 23               **(3) A comprehensive strategy to manage bobcat populations**  
24               **and their habitat throughout the state, including an**  
25               **assessment of how the following impact the state's bobcat**  
26               **population, bobcat prey population, and bobcat habitats:**
    - 27                       **(A) Climate change, such as drought and wildfires.**
    - 28                       **(B) Rodenticides.**

- 1                   **(C) Human development.**
- 2                   **(5) The comprehensive strategy shall utilize the principles of**
- 3                   **adaptative management and incorporate recommendations**
- 4                   **for monitoring.**
- 5                   **(6) An investigation of efficacious nonlethal solutions to**
- 6                   **prevent bobcat predation on livestock, primarily chickens or**
- 7                   **other domestic animals that the Indiana state department of**
- 8                   **agriculture deems needing widespread protections from**
- 9                   **bobcats.**
- 10                   **(7) Recommendations for regulatory or statutory changes**
- 11                   **necessary to implement the bobcat management plan."**
- 12                   Page 1, delete lines 4 through 5.
- 13                   Page 1, line 6, delete "(b)" and insert "**(d)**".  
(Reference is to SB 241 as printed January 23, 2024.)

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