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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

SB 1161 – Authorizes State Park Rangers to Enforce Marijuana Related Offenses – Sen. Victory

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by authorizing State Park Rangers to have the ability to enforce marijuana related offenses within state parks, state recreation areas, state forest campgrounds and at boating access sites. This bill is identical to House Bill 4693.

- The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 922 (S-1) – Eliminate Helmet Requirement on Snowmobiles in Certain Circumstances – Sen. McBroom

The bill eliminates the helmet requirement for snowmobile use if a person possesses a written verification from a physician that the person, for physical or medical reasons, is unable to wear a helmet.

- The bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

SB 923 (S-1) – Eliminate Helmet Requirement on ORVs in Certain Circumstances – Sen. McBroom

The bill eliminates the helmet requirement for ORV use if a person possesses a written verification from a physician that the person, for physical or medical reasons, is unable to wear a helmet.

- The bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.