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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 393

*Requesting the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to continue its study of local firearms hunting ordinances. Report.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2005

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2005

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 38 (2004) requested the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study local firearms hunting ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Department has corresponded with all 134 counties and cities to request their comments on the use of model firearms hunting ordinances and how the needs of the locality could be met through the consideration and use of model ordinance language; and

WHEREAS, the Department received responses from 44 of the 134 localities, with the responses clearly indicating that continuing discussions are warranted to further clarify the development of model ordinance language and the subsequent implementation of the model ordinance concept; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries be requested to continue its study of local firearms hunting ordinances.

In conducting its study, the Department shall examine, among other issues, how these ordinances can be made more uniform and consistent across the Commonwealth, with particular attention paid to the development and use of model ordinances that would lead to an easier understanding by the public of the hunting laws.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department for this study, upon request.

The Department shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2005, and shall submit to the Governor and General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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