Amendment to HB 1323

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Fish and Game; Search and Rescue Response Expenses; Recovery. Amend RSA 206:26-bb, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) A voluntary hike safe card. The executive director shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A for the issuance to purchasers on the department's Internet site, and subsequent annual renewals, of a hike safe card prior to a person's need for a search and rescue response. [The annual fee for a hike safe card shall be \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a family.] The executive director shall establish the fee for an individual hike safe card and a family hike safe card in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A. A "family" shall consist of the purchaser, the purchaser's spouse, and the purchaser's minor children or stepchildren. In addition, if the purchaser or the purchaser's spouse has been appointed as a family guardian for an individual under RSA 464-A, that individual shall be considered part of the purchaser's family. A transaction fee determined by the department shall be for the Internet license agent as provided in RSA 214-A:2. The executive director shall forward to the state treasurer the sum collected from each individual hike safe card purchased and each family hike safe card purchased, less the amount of such transaction fee, for deposit in the fish and game search and rescue fund under RSA 206:42.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the executive director of the fish and game department to establish the fee for a hike safe card.