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Representative Helm of Fair Haven moves that the bill be amended in Sec. 3, EFFECTIVE DATE, by striking it out in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 4049 is amended to read:

§ 4049. FISH AND WILDLIFE TRUST FUND

(a) The General Assembly recognizes the importance to the people of Vermont of conserving Vermont's fish and wildlife resources. Therefore, in order to provide the opportunity for Vermonters to invest in the future of its fish and wildlife resources, there is hereby created a Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Fund which shall consist of:

(1) receipts from sales of any lifetime licenses created pursuant to subsection 4279(f) of this title;

(2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Trust Fund;

(3) transfers from the Attorney General Complex Litigation Special Fund established pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 167a in the amount of the previous year's revenue lost from the issuance of free permanent licenses pursuant to subsection § 4255(c)(7) of this title; and

(4) funds that may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

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Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. § 167a is amended to read:

1 § 167a. COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND

2 (a) There is established the Complex Litigation Special Fund pursuant to  
3 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 to be available for expenditure by the  
4 Attorney General, as annually appropriated or authorized pursuant to 32  
5 V.S.A. § 511~~7~~. The funds shall:

6 (1) be used to pay nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted,  
7 incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and  
8 criminal litigation. These expenses may include, for example, costs incurred  
9 for expert witnesses and for support staff and technology needed to review and  
10 manage voluminous documents in discovery and at trial in complex cases~~;~~;

11 (2) be transferred, on or before March 1 annually, to the Fish and  
12 Wildlife Trust Fund to replace revenue lost from the issuance of free  
13 permanent licenses pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

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15 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.