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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

143rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 537

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section.1. Amend Chapter 1, Title 7 of the Delaware Code by redesignating existing § 113, § 114 and § 115 as new § 114,
2 § 115 and § 116, and adding a new § 113 to read as follows:

3 “§ 113 Crop Damage Levels.

4 Threshold crop damage levels are to be determined by regulations established by the Department after
5 consultation with the Delaware Farm Bureau, the Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service
6 and a panel of three practicing farmers, one each from Delaware’s three counties, a member of the Quality Deer
7 Management Association who possesses a degree in a related scientific field and a member of Delaware Advisory
8 Council on Wildlife and Freshwater Fish.”.

9 Section 2. Amend new § 114, Title 7 of the Delaware Code by adding the phrase “whether there was threshold crop
10 damage as discussed in § 113 of this Title,” after the word “injury,” and before the word “whether”.

11 Section 3. Amend new § 115, Title 7 of the Delaware Code by adding the phrase “or there was threshold crop damage as
12 discussed in § 113 of this Title” after the word “substantial” and before the word “and”.

SYNOPSIS

This Bill establishes a method of determining threshold crop damage levels when dealing with protected wildlife.