

**CHAPTER 77**

**(HJR 42)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION reauthorizing the Kentucky Aquaculture Task Force, and making an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Aquaculture Task Force was created in 1998 by House Joint Resolution 72 to develop a State Aquaculture Plan to address the proper management, use, and marketing of the state's aquacultural industry; and

WHEREAS, the State Aquaculture Plan was developed and recommendations were made to the Governor and to the Legislative Research Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the aquaculture industry in Kentucky that the recommendations made by the task force be monitored as they are implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. The Kentucky Aquaculture Task Force created by 1998 House Joint Resolution 72 is reauthorized to monitor the recommendations made in the State Aquaculture Plan as they are implemented, and to promote the development of the aquaculture industry in the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The membership guidelines of the task force remain the same, including the provision that the Department of Agriculture provide staff services for the task force.

Section 3. The task force shall develop a report by September 1, 2001, with respect to the implementation of the State Aquaculture Plan recommendations and other recommendations that the task force may support relating to the aquaculture industry in the Commonwealth. The report shall be given to the Governor and to the Legislative Research Commission.

Section 4. There is appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$5,000 to accomplish the report. Any amount remaining following the completion of the report shall revert to the general fund. The report and recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor and to the Legislative Research Commission no later than September 1, 2001.

Section 5. Provisions of this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.

**Approved March 6, 2000**

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