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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Attends Second Annual Meeting of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, joined state lawmakers from across the country in mid-November at the Second Annual Sportsmen-Legislator Summit of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) in St. Michael's, Md. Sen. Barnitz, from the 16th Senate District, is the co-chair of the Missouri Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and represented the sporting constituents of the Show-Me State at the summit.

While attending one meeting, "Promoting a Pro-Sportsmen's Agenda," Sen. Barnitz had the opportunity to learn about model legislation being introduced around the country to benefit wildlife, hunting and fishing. Such legislation could be introduced in Missouri.

"It is important to research initiatives in other states and find which could help or hinder Missouri hunters, fishermen and other sportsmen," Sen. Barnitz said. "At the NASC conference, I believe we shared ideas that would help continue the rich tradition of these outdoor activities, not only in Missouri, but across the country."

Educational seminars and other discussions at the summit featured topics such as resident and non-resident licenses, the need for dedicated funding for state departments of natural resources, and the use of ballot initiatives to restrict outdoor rights.

The senator emphasizes that absolutely no state funds were used to cover conference-related expenditures.

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