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For your consideration...Please see the below proposed language which would allow for mid-term agreements up to 30 years but with a buy out provision at 15 years. The House had some concerns of 30 year agreements but if a buy out clause was included at 15 years as an option that may help with that concern. We can discuss more tomorrow morning. Thank you. Jeb

11. **SECTION 5. MIDTERM CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.** The game and fish department
12. may spend up to \$2,777,778 from other funds in the land habitat and deer depredation line item
13. in section 1 of this Act for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation midterm conservation
14. agreements with private landowners. The department shall limit the term of these agreements to a
15. maximum of thirty years. The department shall provide a buy back provision after the fifteenth year
16. of the agreement if the property owner desires to withdraw all or a portion of acreage from the
17. lease.

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