§ 11-0527. State aid to counties participating in control of rabies in wildlife.

1. The board of supervisors or county legislative body of any county may appropriate moneys for the purpose of controlling the disease rabies in wildlife.

2. Any county situated in an area wherein the infection of wild foxes or other wildlife populations is certified to exist with danger to health and welfare, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-0525, may submit a plan for joint approval by the state departments of Health, Agriculture and Markets and Environmental Conservation for the purposes of eliminating, reducing or confining the disease rabies. If such plan, or a modification of such plan, is approved by such departments and is duly carried out by any such county in accordance with such regulations as may be adopted by the Department of Environmental Conservation (which regulations when adopted shall be made a part of such plan) then such county shall be reimbursed by the state to the extent of fifty per centum of the amount by it expended in the execution of such plan; provided, however, that such reimbursement to any county shall not exceed six thousand dollars in any state fiscal year.

3. A county shall not be reimbursed for any moneys expended by it for the payment of bounties for the taking of wildlife.

4. Not later than the last day of each of the months of June, September, December and March the county treasurer of each such county which has been certified under section 11-0525 and approved under this section, and has incurred expenditures pursuant to the provisions of this section during the three months' period ending on such days, shall make a report to the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the amount of such expenditures and apply for the state reimbursement herein authorized.

5. Such report and application shall be in such form and contain such information as may be required by the Commissioner of Environmental

Conservation. The commissioner shall thereupon promptly certify to the comptroller for payment the amount of state reimbursement due the county thereon. The amounts so certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, after audit by and on the warrant of the Comptroller, shall be paid to the county treasurers of the respective counties to which such reimbursement is due, from any moneys available by appropriation therefor. No reimbursement shall be made for expenditures incurred by any county after such time as the Departments of Health and Agriculture and Markets shall have certified that danger to health and welfare from the disease rabies no longer exists in such county.