

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 12/13/01

LRB Number 01-2708/3	Introduction Number AB-614	Estimate Type Original
Subject Captive wildlife, partial transfer to DATCP		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill establishes a new regulatory structure in the Department for captive wildlife. The bill eliminates all current licenses and establishes new types of licenses. It clarifies DATCP authority to require health certification for captive wild animals moving in interstate commerce and transfers registration of white-tailed deer farms to DATCP as farm-raised deer. The bill allows the department to set standards for humane care and housing and eliminates the taking of free-ranging wild animals which is allowed on game farms under current law.

Fiscal Estimate: Costs to the department include issuance of permits, records review, inspections, enforcement investigations and monitoring of licensees. These costs are also expended under current law. An estimated 2.5 FTE of effort is currently expended statewide to issue captive wildlife related permits and licenses. These FTEs are currently Conservation SEG funded and are located in Customer Service and Licensing, Wildlife Management field stations and in Law Enforcement. Under this proposal, these efforts would continue and would still be funded by Conservation SEG.

Under this bill some additional Law Enforcement effort may be needed to issue permits and provide monitoring and investigations to thoroughly implement the provisions of this bill, but this additional level of effort is undetermined at this point. It is assumed that any extra workload will be absorbed by the department, or re-evaluated at a later date. There may also be some changes in the number of licensees as a result of the transfer of white-tailed deer farms to DATCP and also as a result of changes in the license fee structure.

Revenues may be reduced. License fees for captive wildlife licenses were raised separately in Wisconsin Act 9 (1999-01 biennial budget). Revenue for License Year 2000, the first year the new fees have been in effect, is approximately \$116,500, an increase of approximately \$80,000 over previous estimated annual revenue. Under this bill, the fee structure will be, for the most part retained, but there may be an undetermined reduction in revenue from license holders who would receive discounts for multiple licenses.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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