

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-4497/2	Introduction Number AB-1125	
Description Issuing deer tags to owners and vendees under land contracts of certain parcels of land		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.370(1)(mu) and (5)(fq)		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary of bill: This bill requires the Department to issue a second deer carcass tag to any person, including a nonresident, who applies for any license that authorizes deer hunting and requests the tag, if the person owns at least 40 acres in one parcel or owns a parcel through which a public snowmobile corridor passes--provided the parcel lies in whole or in part in one deer management area in the state.

Fiscal Effect: This bill affects owners (resident and non-resident) of land within a deer management unit who hunt deer and who own 40-acres or more or who have a snowmobile corridor running through their property. The Department does not have an accurate record of the number of deer hunters who would be affected by this bill. However, this fiscal estimate is based on the following assumptions:

1) Under current law, Wisconsin residents owning at least 50 acres in one parcel located in whole or in part in a deer management unit receive first priority for antlerless deer carcass tags (referred to as the hunter's choice landowner preference). In 2005, this preference was claimed by 8,735 residents. Approximately 25% of gun deer hunters purchase bonus permits. Under current law, it is assumed that 25% of persons eligible for landowner preference (2,184) would purchase a bonus permit. Given that under this bill these residents would qualify for a second deer carcass tag at no charge, the Department assumes that this same 25% would use the 2nd free tag instead of purchasing a bonus permit, resulting in reduced revenue of \$26,208 (2,184 x \$12) to the wildlife damage account. Issuing these tags will incur Automated License Issuance System (ALIS) related costs of \$1.40 per transaction (\$0.90 per license paper cost + \$0.50 transaction fee), totaling \$12,229. These costs may be offset by the reduced costs of issuing bonus permits.

2) The bill provides that resident and non-resident owners of 40 or more acres in parcels located at least partly within a deer management unit are also eligible for a free second deer carcass tag. The Department does not have data on the number of 40 to 50 acre parcels owned by resident deer hunters within deer management units, or the number of 40 plus acre parcels owned by non-resident deer hunters within deer management units. However, for the sake of this fiscal note, the Department assumes that an additional 3,000 resident landowners and 1,000 non-resident landowners who are deer hunters will qualify and request these tags incurring ALIS system related costs of \$1.40 per transaction, totaling \$5,600. It is assumed that these transaction costs of issuing the free tags may be offset by the reduced costs of issuing bonus permits. It is assumed that 25% of these additional qualifiers who previously purchased bonus tags will use the 2nd free tag instead of purchasing a bonus permit, resulting in an additional revenue loss to the Wildlife damage account of \$14,000 (750 residents x \$12 = \$9,000 plus 250 non-residents x \$20 = \$5,000).

3) The Department does not have data on the number of deer hunters owning land within deer management units and through which a public snowmobile corridor passes. The number could be substantial, given that there are more than 18,000 miles of snowmobile trails in Wisconsin. However, for purposes of this fiscal note the Department assumes that there will be a minimum of 10 such landowners in each of 133 deer management units who will apply for the free second deer carcass tag, resulting in costs of \$1.40 for each of 1330 transactions, or \$1,862. Again, these transaction costs may be offset by the reduced costs of issuing bonus permits. It is assumed that 25% of these additional qualifiers will use the free tag instead of purchasing a bonus permit, resulting in an additional loss of \$3,984 to the Wildlife damage account (25% x 1330 = 332 x \$12 = \$39,984).

Summary: reduced revenue from loss of bonus permit sales = \$26,208 + \$14,000 + \$3,984 = \$44,192
Increased ALIS transaction costs = \$12,229 + \$5,600 + \$1,862 = \$19,691

The Department also estimates that it will incur one-time development costs of \$10,000 to build the necessary functionality into the Department's Automated License Issuance System (ALIS).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$10,000 to modify the Department's Automated License Issuance System.			
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	19,700		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$19,700		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	19,700		
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			-44,200
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$-44,200
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$19,700		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$-44,200		\$
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