

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-3612/1</b>		<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-472</b>
<b>Description</b> Age-specific restrictions on hunting and possessing a firearm; requirements for obtaining a hunting certificate of accomplishment; establishing a hunting mentorship program; and granting rule-making authority		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input checked="" 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 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
<b>Local:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<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 20.370(3)(at)		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

**BILL SUMMARY:** This bill will allow anyone age 12 or older to obtain an approval authorizing hunting and to hunt without first needing to be certified in hunter education, with the condition that any such hunter may only hunt under a mentorship program created by this bill. This proposal would also allow the DNR to establish an age lower than 12 to hunt with a mentor, if DNR determines it will not present a safety risk based on current studies and data. Currently no one can hunt in Wisconsin without hunter education certification if born on or after 1-1-73, unless part of the DNR's Learn-To-Hunt Program. This proposal establishes several requirements specific to safety issues for persons age 12 and older to participate in hunting without the mandatory requirement to first complete hunter education. Those requirements are:

- Parental discretion on whether or not their child age 12 to 17 may hunt.
- An adult must accompany only one mentored hunter during the hunt.
- The hunter must be within arms reach of the mentor at all times.
- The adult mentor must have a valid hunting approval, a certificate of accomplishment, or be exempt from obtaining a certificate of accomplishment.

The bill also allows a youth age 12 or older to possess a firearm for purposes of target practice, but only if accompanied by a parent or guardian or person 18 or older designated by the parent or guardian.

This bill also requires the DNR to create and distribute a hunter safety pamphlet to each person that is issued a hunting license to hunt under the mentorship program, allows the DNR to establish an age less than age 12 to obtain a Dog Training or Dog Trial license issued under Chapter 169, Stats., and requires the DNR to file a report with the Legislature in 2010 that describes the effects of this bill on recruitment of new hunters.

Fiscal Estimate:

#### Revenues

**Legal Hunting Age** - The Department assumes there will be an increase in revenue to the Fish and Wildlife Account of the Conservation Fund associated with creating a mentored hunting program for individuals age 12 and older who have not yet completed a hunter education program. The Department assumes an additional 4,000 licenses per year would be sold at a cost of \$20 to resident hunters aged 12 and older, equaling \$80,000 (4,000 x \$20); and an additional 200 licenses per year would be sold at a cost of \$160 to nonresident hunters aged 12 and older, equaling \$32,000 (200x\$160 at maximum fee). Therefore, the Department estimates the total revenue increase related to this change to be \$112,000 annually (\$80,000 + \$32,000).

**Hunter Education Courses** - The Department assumes that the number of students -- both traditional and mentors -- entering hunter education courses will increase by 2,000 as a result of this bill. Hunter education course fees are \$10, and instructors are allowed to keep up to \$5 per student to offset their expenses. Therefore, the Department assumes that hunter education revenues deposited into the safety and education segregated account will increase by \$10,000 annually (2,000 x \$5).

Total Increases in Revenues: \$122,000 (\$112,000 + \$10,000).

#### Expenditures

Anticipated expenditures resulting from this bill include:

Additional student materials for increased participation in hunter education courses at \$10 per student. Total

\$20,000 (2,000 X \$10).

Costs to print and distribute hunter safety pamphlet information to individuals without hunter education certification who purchase hunting licenses to hunt under the new mentorship program. The Department estimates approximately 50,000 pamphlets would be distributed annually at a cost of approximately \$6,000 for shipping and \$1,300 for printing. Total of \$7,300

With the increase in hunters, there is the potential for an increase in hunting related complaints and violations for not complying with the new mentorship requirements. The Department assumes it will have some increase in workload, but it is expected that the increase can be handled as part of the current enforcement of hunting regulations.

Total increase in annual costs: \$27,300 (\$20,000 + \$7,300).

In addition, the Department estimates that it will incur one-time costs of \$15,000 related to upgrading the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS) to be able to sell licenses to hunters without hunter education and indicate on all such licenses that they must be hunting with a mentor at all times.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  \$15,000 for upgrades to the ALIS system.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	27,300		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$27,300</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	27,300		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	122,000		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$122,000</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$27,300	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$122,000	\$
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