

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DNR 9/1/2009

LRB Number 09-1699/3	Introduction Number SB-254	Estimate Type Original
Description Privileges under a Class A or Class B bear hunting license, and bear carcass tag and back tag requirements		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary:

This bill will make a number of significant changes to the laws regulating bear hunting:

- A. Expands the privileges of a Class B bear license to allow the license holder to pursue, shoot and kill a bear that was shot, but not killed, by the holder of a Class A bear license, if in the same hunting party, and if the killing of the bear is necessary to protect the safety of other members of the hunting party or the public.
- B. Requires the DNR to allow a person without a Class A bear license and harvest tag to train bear dogs on free-roaming wild bears during the open season for hunting bear with dogs.
- C. Allows any person of any age under the age of 16 to engage in all the activities authorized under a Class B bear license, including shooting a bear, without the need for a license.
- D. Allows any person, regardless of age, to engage in activities authorized by a Class B bear license without holding the license during a specific 2 day weekend in August each year.
- E. Eliminates the requirement that the DNR issue a back tag with a Class B bear license, and eliminates the need for a Class A or B bear license holder display a back tag.

State Fiscal Estimate:

The Department would likely see about a \$4,500 reduction in revenues from the loss of sales of Class B bear licenses to youth ages 12 -15. There are currently about 370 Class B bear licenses issued to youth ages 12-15. At a cost of \$ 14 each, minus \$1 paid to the license agent and \$0.84 paid to the ALIS Central Bank X 370 youth ages 12-15 = \$ 4,500.

The offering of a free weekend each year in August where the requirement for a Class B bear license would be waived would likely not have any direct or immediate fiscal impact, as most individuals who would take advantage of this opportunity would likely not have purchased a license otherwise. The Department does not expect any cost to update/reprogram the ALIS system to reflect the changes proposed in this bill relative to the issuance of Class B bear licenses or not having to issue back tags. There would likely be some additional costs resulting from the need to enforce increased complaints expected for trespassing and unauthorized shooting of bears by Class B bear license holders. The increased costs to Law Enforcement are difficult to estimate.

The Department would not see any savings from not having to issue back tags to Class B bear license applicants as the current ALIS contract requires the contractor to cover the cost of all paper products needed to print all licenses, permits and tags, including back tags.

Local Fiscal Estimate:

Local law enforcement agencies, especially Sheriff's Departments in the North would be most affected, due to likely increase in trespassing complaints and their need to spend more time trying to determine the identity of suspects who would no longer be identifiable from back tags.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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			-4,500
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$-4,500
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-4,500	\$
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