

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 5/20/2013

LRB Number	13-2304/1	Introduction Number	AB-0194	Estimate Type	Original
Description Authority to hunt certain animals with a crossbow, establishing open seasons for hunting with a crossbow, and information required to be included on certain hunting license applications and certain hunting tags					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill eliminates the age and disability requirements for using a crossbow. Instead, the bill establishes a new resident crossbow hunting license and a new nonresident crossbow hunting license. The crossbow hunting licenses established in this bill allow a license holder to use a crossbow to hunt the same game animals that may be hunted under current law with an archer hunting license. The bill also allows the holder of an archer hunting license to obtain a crossbow hunting license at a substantially reduced fee (\$3) and allows the holder of a crossbow hunting license to obtain an archer hunting license at a substantially reduced fee (\$3). As with other hunting licenses under current law, a person may not obtain a crossbow hunting license unless the person completes a course of instruction in hunter education or bow hunter education. The bill also requires a person who applies for a deer hunting license to indicate on the license application whether the applicant intends to use a bow and arrow or a crossbow to hunt deer under the authority of that license.

Fiscal Impact-License Revenues

Hunters previously using crossbows under disabled permits will now be required to purchase a crossbow license for the same cost as the archer license or purchase an "upgrade" crossbow license for \$3 if they also purchased an archer license. Since the cost of the archer and crossbow licenses are the same, there will be no increase in revenue from those who purchase the crossbow license instead of the archer license. Hunters who would like the option to use both a bow and a crossbow would be required to spend an additional \$3 for both the archer and crossbow licenses. In 2012, the Department sold 217,272 resident and nonresident archer licenses.

1. The Department has no information to accurately predict the number of hunters who would opt to use both a bow and a crossbow; however, if 5% of 2012 archery license holders opted to use both a bow and a crossbow for the \$3 upgrade fee, an additional \$32,600 would be collected annually ($217,272 \times .05 \times \3).
2. Other license revenues will increase to the extent that the addition of the crossbow license will attract hunters, likely in the older age classes, who did not hunt deer because crossbow use was not authorized under an archer license, or to the extent that hunters will either return to deer hunting or purchase a deer license for the first time as a result of now having the option to purchase a crossbow license.

Fiscal Impact-Other

1. The Department will incur some one-time costs to change the information on carcass tags since the bill requires hunters who tag a deer, bear or elk to mark on the carcass tag the type of weapon used to harvest these game species. Additional one-time costs of \$15,000-\$20,000 will be incurred for system programming changes to the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS).
2. In 2012, staff from the Bureau of Customer and Outreach Services reviewed approximately 4,100 disabled hunting permit applications from hunters wishing to use a crossbow. Eliminating the need for the Department to administer disabled hunting permits that authorize the use of a crossbow will result in an estimated cost savings of approximately \$30,000 annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 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): Estimated one-time cost of \$15,000-\$20,000 for system programming changes to the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS), and additional costs to change information on carcass tags.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$-30,000
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$-30,000
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		-30,000
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 (Conservation SEG)	32,600	
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$32,600	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$-30,000	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$32,600	\$
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