

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 5/15/2013

LRB Number	13-2299/1	Introduction Number	AB-0199	Estimate Type	Original
Description					
Hunting, fishing, and trapping approvals issued to recipients of the purple heart medal					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must treat a qualified member of the armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or the national guard as a resident for purposes of determining the member's eligibility for, and cost of, obtaining hunting, trapping, or fishing approvals. Fees for approvals issued to residents are lower than for those issued to nonresidents. For example, the fee for a non-resident gun deer license is \$160 compared to a resident gun deer license of \$24 (difference of \$136). Similarly, the fee for a non-resident annual fishing license is \$50, compared to a resident annual fishing license of \$20 (difference of \$30). This bill expands this treatment to a non-resident who has received the Purple Heart medal.

Under current law, a conservation patron license confers a number of fishing, hunting, and trapping privileges and allows free vehicle admission to state parks and related areas, as well as a free subscription to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. The fee is currently \$165 for residents and \$600 for non-residents (or a greater amount at the applicant's option). Under this bill, DNR must issue a conservation patron license at a reduced fee of \$10 to a resident or \$161 to a non-resident (or a greater amount at the applicant's option) who has received a Purple Heart medal. The reduced fee license excludes the free magazine subscription.

Assumptions

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are an estimated 1,800 Wisconsin residents that are Purple Heart recipients, while estimates on the number of Purple Heart recipients that reside in other states is not readily available.

State Fiscal Effect

The fiscal impact on revenues to the Fish and Wildlife Account is indeterminate. Revenues will increase to the extent that reduced fees will prompt medal recipients to become first-time buyers of hunting, trapping, fishing or patron licenses, while revenues will decrease to the extent that medal recipients currently holding a hunting, trapping, fishing or patron license will opt for a license at the reduced fee.

The Department estimates one-time programming costs of \$20,000-\$45,000 for the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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 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): One-time programming costs of \$20,000-\$45,000 for the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS).			
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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