

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-2623/1	Introduction Number	AB-0633	Estimate Type	Original
Description Eligibility of persons with disabilities to receive annual fishing licenses at reduced fees					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a resident of this state is eligible for an annual fishing license at a reduced fee if the person applying for the license produces a certificate from a licensed physician or optometrist stating that his or her sight is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot read ordinary newspaper print with or without corrective glasses, or produces evidence showing that he or she is receiving social security or other federal disability benefits or that he or she is a veteran receiving federal disability compensation for a non-service-related disability.

Under this bill, persons will no longer be eligible for a resident annual disabled fishing license by producing a certificate from a licensed physician or optometrist stating that his or her sight is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot read ordinary newspaper print with or without corrective glasses. Instead, this bill expands the eligibility criteria and allows the resident holder of a Class A, Class C or Class D disabled permit to be eligible for an annual fishing license at a reduced fee as long as the disabled permit will not expire before the end of the effective period of the annual fishing license. In addition, resident holders of a Class B disabled permit issued for a period greater than one year will also be eligible for an annual fishing license at the reduced fee as long as the disabled permit will not expire before the end of the effective period of the annual fishing license.

Under this bill, visually impaired residents will be required to apply for and hold a Class C disabled permit that does not expire during the effective date of the annual fishing license rather than produce a statement from a license physician or optometrist stating that his or her sight is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot read ordinary newspaper print with or without corrective glasses. The department can expect an increase in Class C disabled permit applications and associated staff time required to process as a result of this bill, but cannot determine the extent of the increase in Class C disabled permit applications.

Approximately 11,000 residents hold valid Class A, B, C, and D disabled permits issued by the department. Of the 11,000 resident disabled permit holders, approximately 1,600 purchased the reduced fee annual fishing license during the 2013 license year under the current eligibility criteria established under law.

By comparison, the amended eligibility criteria under this bill would make more residents with disabilities eligible to purchase an annual fishing license at a reduced rate. Approximately 1,600 of the 11,000 resident disabled permit holders purchased an annual fishing license at the full price during the 2013 license year. Resident disabled permit holders who purchased annual fishing licenses at the full \$20 fee in 2013 would likely opt to purchase the reduced rate annual fishing license for \$7 in subsequent years under the provisions of the bill, resulting in as much as a \$20,800 ($\$13 * 1,600$) loss of annual license revenue.

It is possible the reduced fee may entice some resident disabled permit holders who had not previously purchased an annual fishing license to purchase an annual fishing license, resulting in an indeterminate increase in license revenues.

The current automated license issuing system would require one-time programming changes under AB 633, which would cost an estimated \$3,000.

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): One time programming costs of \$3,000			
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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