



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**DNR 4/17/01**

LRB Number <b>01-2307/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-319</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Youth participation in hunting, recognition of hunter safety certificates, crossbow arrow tips, use of trapper education funds		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

SUMMARY OF BILL - This bill addresses a number of issues pertaining to possession of firearms and hunting by minors, Hunter Education programs and certificates, and seized and confiscated wild game and other animals. The statutory reference to possession of a firearm by a minor less than 12 years old is removed, and the language of the statute covering possession of a firearm by a minor 12 or 13 years old is revised so that it covers all minors 13 years old or younger. No change to the law concerning hunting by a minor under 12 years of age is made. The current statute requiring a minor 12 to 15 years of age to be accompanied by a parent or guardian while hunting or possessing a firearm is changed to allow the parent or guardian to specify any person 18 years or older to accompany the minor under these circumstances.

The statute stating that any pupil of a public school found in possession of a firearm while at school or a school function must be suspended is revised to allow an exemption in order to participate in the hunter education program.

Current statutes allow the Department to recognize hunter education certificates from other states for the purposes of issuing hunting licenses, and to recognize hunter education certificates from other states and provinces for allowing 14 and 15 year olds to hunt and possess firearms. Current statutes allow the holder of a hunter education certificate to use it in place of a special permit will be revised to allow for use of the certificate in place of a bonus deer hunting permit as well. Statutes also state that the certificate may be used in lieu of a permit only during the deer hunting season immediately following the issue date of the certificate. Revision will allow for use of the certificate in lieu of the permit during the deer hunting season immediately following the date when the certificate holder is first eligible to apply for a deer hunting license.

The statutes pertaining to wild animals, their pelts, and personal property in possession of the DNR is changed to allow the DNR to retain and use unclaimed, seized, or confiscated property for educational purposes. This bill allows the DNR to sell seized or confiscated fish and game to businesses other than restaurants, as currently specified. The bill also establishes a procedure for disposal of unclaimed property in the possession of the DNR.

The bill allows for proceeds from the sale of pelts prepared during trapper education classes to be used for the trapper education program. It also requires that certain types of arrow tips be used on crossbows depending on the type of game hunted.

FISCAL IMPACT - It is estimated that approximately 1000 hunter education certificate holders will use them in lieu of a bonus permit annually. This will reduce permit fees by \$12,000 (\$12 permit \* 1000). It is also estimated that allowing the DNR to retain property for its education programs will save approximately \$4,000 annually which would normally be spent to procure those items. Allowing the DNR to sell confiscated fish and game to commercial license holders will produce an estimated \$8000 annually in revenue. Thus there is no net fiscal impact to the Department.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
  Updated
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  Supplemental

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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>			
<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		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
<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		
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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