

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 01-2356/1	Introduction Number SB-199
Subject Temporary fishing licenses for the disabled	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370(9)(mu)	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary:

Currently under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - NR 8.02(2)(a)1 – DNR and county clerks that are appointed to issue fish and game licenses must issue annual disabled person fishing licenses to state residents who present evidence that they suffer from certain disabilities. DNR and county clerks review the evidence and issue or deny the license application at the time the application is submitted. The fee for a resident annual disabled person fishing license is less than the fee for a general resident annual fishing license. Other (nongovernmental) issuing agents are not authorized to issue annual disabled fishing licenses.

Under this bill, a nongovernmental issuing agent must accept applications for these annual disabled fishing licenses. The agent issues a temporary fishing license to the applicant and sends the evidence of disability to the DNR for its review. The temporary fishing license is valid for 14 days, and the DNR must grant or deny the application within this period. The applicant pays the license and issuing fee for the temporary license at the time he or she submits the application. The fee for the temporary license is the same as the fee for the annual license. The DNR may not charge a fee for the issuance of the permanent license when the application is approved, nor refund the fee paid for the temporary license if the application is denied.

Under current law, a person who is issued an annual disabled person fishing license pays an issuing fee of 75 cents. If a county clerk issues the license, the clerk may retain 50 cents of the fee and send the balance of 25 cents to the DNR. Under this bill, a nongovernmental issuing agent who issues temporary disabled fishing licenses may retain the entire issuing fee of 75 cents.

Fiscal Estimate:

The primary cost of this proposal would be to create a new license type, Temporary Disabled Fishing License, in the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS), at a cost of \$20,000-\$25,000 if implemented by itself. The cost would be \$5,000 if implemented with other changes to the ALIS system which are made in late winter, shortly before the beginning of the new license year. Given the effective date of the bill, it is not likely to coincide with the other changes made in late winter.

Other costs to the Department would include the time to administer this license, which would be more than most others because of its exceptional nature; the postage to mail licenses and correspond with applicants; and additional computer transaction costs.

In license year 2000, the Department issued approximately 7,000 disabled fishing licenses. Experience with the ALIS system indicates that most or all of the temporary licenses issued under this proposal would be sold by non-DNR agents. The cost for DNR staff to evaluate applications and mail full-season licenses would be approximately \$12,400 per year, as shown below:

- Staff time to evaluate materials and mail full-season licenses @ 5 minutes each = 583 hours or 0.33 FTE and \$10,000 salary and fringe benefits.
- Postage: 7,000 @ \$0.34 = \$2,400

Because of the popularity of non-DNR license agent locations and the natural desire of people to obtain licenses at a discount, it is possible that this change could result in a growing number of temporary disabled fishing licenses issued to individuals who do not qualify for them. The net effect would be to issue a temporary half-price, 14-day license with no further consequences for failure to qualify.

Non-DNR license agents would incur postage costs and copying costs as well as the cost of time to train employees and administer an unusual paper process. The additional 25 cents of issuance fee to the agent is not likely to cover their costs. Currently an applicant does not have to provide copies of the documentation; DNR and county staff simply review the document on site and return it to the applicant. If the applicant does not bring copies of the documents, the agent will need to make them. In addition, the agent will need to mail approximately two pages of documentation, at a cost of 34 cents for first-class postage. The net effect would be that agents would lose revenue on these license applications.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 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):			
\$25,000 to add a new license type, Temporary Disabled Fishing License			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$10,000	
(FTE Position Changes)		(0.3 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		2,400	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$12,400	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		12,400	
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			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$12,400	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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