

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Loss of hunting privileges if violate hunting laws in another state		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows the state to become a member of the wildlife violator compact and appoint a member to the board that administers the compact. The compact is effective in 18 states.

Under the wildlife violator compact, if a person is arrested for violating a law that protects wildlife while in another state other than his or her home state of residence, that person is given the same procedures to follow to comply with the citation as a resident of the issuing state is afforded. This includes the right to sign a recognizance stating that he or she will comply with the requirements of the citation, without being required to post bond or appear immediately before the court. The home state initiates the action to suspend the violator's license and approval privileges and is required to treat the conviction as if it occurred in the violator's home state. The compact also requires the home state to notify member states of the suspension.

This bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

Savings could result on the county level as those persons from out-of-state who commit wildlife violations in Wisconsin no longer need to be held at the county jails pending bail payments or court appearances. The department is unable to project the number of wildlife violators who would fall under the wildlife violator compact and is unable to project a possible cost savings.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications