

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-3126/3	Introduction Number AB-677
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Subject
 Hunter apprentice program and changes in laws governing uncased guns

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations			<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		

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(3)(at) and (3)(mu)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY: This bill includes a number of changes to the laws related to obtaining approvals authorizing hunting, who may hunt and possess a firearm and the placement of firearms in vehicles. More specifically, these are:

Hunting Mentorship Program - Current law generally does not allow a person to hunt, obtain a hunting approval, or possess a firearm under age 12. If over 12 and born after January 1, 1973, a person must obtain a Hunter Education Certificate to obtain an approval. A person 12 or 13 must always be accompanied by parent or an adult to hunt; accompanied meaning subject to continuous visual or verbal control. Anyone 14-16 may possess a firearm to hunt if certified under hunter education program and anyone between 12 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult to target practice with a firearm. This bill specifies that a person of any age may hunt or obtain a hunting approval, but if they hunt, they must be accompanied by and within arms reach of a "Mentor". A mentor, must be 21 years old or older, if not the parent or guardian must possess written authorization from the parent or guardian, must possess the same type of hunting approval, must hold a Hunter Education Certificate if required and can never have had their hunting approvals revoked. Note: These provisions only apply to the resident small game license, resident and NR sports license and resident conservation patron license; deer and archery licenses are still not available for youth under age 12 in this bill.

Other Changes - In addition, this bill reduces the minimum age to obtain a dog training license issued under Ch. 169 from age 12 to age 10. This bill provides that restrictions on possession and control of firearms by persons under age 12 do not apply to persons using firearms for target practice if the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or by a person at least 18 years of age designated by the parent or guardian. Lastly, this bill will provide an exception to the safe use and transportation of firearms in vehicles law under s. 167.31 such that a person may place an uncased firearm in the vehicle at a sport shooting range or on a vehicle or in the bed of a truck while legally hunting.

FISCAL ESTIMATE:

Revenues

Increased Hunting Opportunity under the Mentorship Program - The Department anticipates there will be an increase in revenue to the Fish and Wildlife Account associated with removal of the minimum hunting age. It is assumed that additional hunting approvals of all types will be sold to children both under and over age 12 and to adults who choose to hunt with a mentor instead of having to take a hunter education class. It is difficult to estimate how many additional licenses or permits of all the different types of hunting approvals available will be sold as a result of this bill or what the total revenue might be due to the variability in the cost of the approvals.

Participation in Hunter Education Courses - Some increase may be seen in the number of individuals taking the hunter education in order to be eligible to be a Mentor and take out hunting youth under age 12 or any other person who does not have hunter education. It is assumed that there will also be a decrease in the number of incoming students to the hunter safety courses who would have entered the program before the mentorship program. It is difficult to determine exactly how the potential increase and decrease will effect the current revenue levels of the hunter education courses.

Expenditures

Although it is anticipated that the mentorship program and the other changes in the bill will cause some initial increased workload for law enforcement, it is assumed the increased expenditures can be absorbed

by the current compliment of law enforcement staff.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 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):			
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, ets.)			
		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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