

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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**Subject**  
 Youth participation in hunting, recognition of hunter safety certificates

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

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

**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	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<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	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<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)(mu) and (3)(at)	

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 10/26/2005

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### Bill Summary:

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The restriction on possession of a firearm by a minor less than 12 years old is repealed, so that current restrictions that apply only to minors who are 12 or 13 years old will apply to any minor 13 years old or younger. The bill makes no changes in current law concerning hunting by minors 13 years old or younger. 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.

An exemption is created which allows a student to possess a firearm in a school zone if it is for participation in a hunter education course. State law allows a certificate of accomplishment from a hunter education class to be used in lieu of a hunter's choice permit only during the deer hunting season immediately following the issue date of the certificate. This bill will allow for use of the certificate in lieu of the bonus permit during the deer hunting season immediately following the date when the certificate holder is first eligible to apply for a deer hunting license. In the bill, the DNR can recognize hunter education certificates from other countries, in addition to the other states and provinces in current law, for the purposes of issuing hunting licenses and for the purposes of allowing 14 and 15 year olds to hunt.

The bill also allows nonresidents who are between the ages of 12 and 15 to be issued a resident small game hunting license instead of a nonresident small game hunting license provided that the minor resides in a state that grants this same benefit to a Wisconsin resident of the same age.

The statutes pertaining to wild animals, their pelts, and personal property in possession of the DNR are amended to allow the DNR to retain and use unclaimed, seized, or confiscated property for educational purposes. The bill also establishes a procedure for disposal of unclaimed property in the possession of the DNR and directs the proceeds from the sale of furs processed as part of a trapper education course to be deposited in a fund for use in the trapper education program. These changes will not create new funds but will simply redirect existing funds from the general conservation fund into the trapper education program.

#### Fiscal Estimate:

The Department estimates a net zero fiscal impact from the combined provisions in the bill. (A) It is estimated that approximately 1,000 hunter education certificate holders will use them in lieu of a bonus permit annually. This will reduce current bonus permit fees by \$12,000 (\$12 permit \* 1,000). (B) It is also estimated that allowing DNR to retain property for its education programs will save approximately \$4,000 annually which would normally be spent to procure those items. (C) Based on the lowest annual revenue, allowing DNR to sell confiscated fish and game to commercial license holders will produce an estimated \$8,000 annually. (D) It is not known how many other states currently offer this reciprocal agreement for small game licenses or might offer it in the future making determination of loss of revenue from the reduced priced license impossible. It is however anticipated that potentially equivalent revenues may be simultaneously generated by an increase number of small game licenses sold to nonresident minors that normally would not have hunted small game due to the higher nonresident fee.

Reduction in bonus permit fee revenue -\$12,000  
Retain property for education programs +4,000  
Sale of confiscated fish & game +8,000

TOTAL \$0

The Department would incur some one-time costs to create functionality in the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS) to verify that the customer's state of residence meets the small game license reciprocity requirement included in this bill. This could be accomplished with either of the following alternatives:

Alternative 1 - \$3,000

Design the ALIS terminal to ask the customer if "their state of residence allows nonresident trapping?" as part of the license/application sale process. If the customer responds "no", the sale would not be approved. While this alternative could serve as a means of confirmation that the customer meets the reciprocity requirement, it is entirely based on the customer's declaration.

Alternative 2 - \$15,000

Add reciprocity tables to the ALIS database that would flag which states allow nonresident trapping. The ALIS terminal would be designed to collect the customer's state of residence. Prior to authorizing the license sale, the system would verify that the customer's state of residence met the reciprocity requirement. DNR staff would be responsible for managing the reciprocity tables.

DNR believes that Alternative 2 would best meet the requirements of the bill.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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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>			
\$15,000 to reprogram the Automated License Issuance System to issue resident small game licenses to nonresidents who are between the ages of 12 and 15 years and reside in a state that grants this benefit to a Wisconsin resident of the same age.			
<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		12,000	-12,000
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$-12,000</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$0	\$
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