

## Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>09-2120/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0222</b>	
<b>Description</b> The minimum age for hunting and for possessing a firearm, restrictions on hunting and on possessing a firearm while hunting, establishing a hunting mentorship program, and granting rule-making authority		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <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"/> 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		
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <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 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others      0 <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(at)		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill will allow anyone age 10 or older to obtain an approval authorizing hunting and to hunt without first needing to be certified in hunter education, with the condition that any such hunter may only hunt under a Mentorship Program created by this bill. Current law does not allow anyone to hunt in Wisconsin under the age of 12, unless part of the DNR's Learn-To- Hunt Program, or to purchase an approval authorizing hunting if born on or after 1-1-73 unless the person first completes a hunter education course. This bill establishes several requirements specific to safety issues for persons age 10 and older to participate in hunting without the mandatory requirement to first complete hunter education. Those requirements are:

- Parental discretion on whether or not their child age 10 or older may hunt.
- An adult must accompany the mentored hunter, regardless of their age.
- A mentor may only take one person hunting at a time.
- The hunter must be within arms reach of the mentor at all times.
- The adult mentor and hunter must possess a hunting licenses, unless exempt.
- Only one firearm or crossbow is allowed between the adult and mentored hunter.

By allowing new individuals the opportunity to purchase a hunting license who in the past were not eligible, the department expects that there will be an increase in the number of hunting licenses sold, as well as an increased interest in taking a hunter education course by many of these individuals who will eventually want the opportunity to hunt on their own if or when they are old enough.

Fiscal Estimate:

#### Revenues

Legal hunting age - The Department anticipates there will be an increase in revenue to the Fish and Wildlife Account associated with creating a mentored hunting age for age 10 and older. It is assumed an additional 9,000 licenses per year would be sold at an average cost of \$20 to resident hunters aged 10 and older, equaling \$180,000. An additional 200 licenses per year would be sold at an average cost of \$160 to nonresident hunters aged 10 and older, equaling \$32,000. The total revenue increase related to this change is estimated at \$212,000 annually. Total of \$212,000.

Hunter Education Courses - Increase in students to hunter education is estimated at 2,000. Fees to take the course are \$10 a student which would equal a total of \$20,000. Instructors are allowed to keep up to \$5 per student to offset their expenses; it is assumed \$10,000 annually will be deposited into the safety and education segregated account.

Total Increases in Revenues: \$222,000.

#### Expenditures

Additional student materials for increased participation in Hunter Education Courses at \$10 per student. Total \$20,000.

With the increase in hunters, there is the potential for an increase in hunting related complaints and violations for not complying with the new mentorship requirements. It is assumed that the department will have some increase in workload, but it is expected that the increase can be handled as part of the current enforcement of hunting regulations.

Total Increases in Annualized Costs: \$20,000.

#### One-Time Costs:

Automated License Issuance System Upgrade - The Department expects that it will cost approximately \$15,000 to complete a one-time change to the license issuance system to accommodate the changes made in this bill, so the system can allow the sale of hunting licenses to youth ages 10 and 11 and to other age 12 and older that have not yet completed hunter education.

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

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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>  The Department expects that it will cost approximately \$15,000 to upgrade the State Automated License Issuance System to allow the sale of hunting approvals to youth ages 10 & 11, and to others age 12 and older who have not completed hunter education.			
<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	20,000	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	20,000	
<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	222,000	
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$222,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$20,000	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$222,000	\$
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