

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 09-2927/2	Introduction Number AB-0737
Description Weapons authorized for use under certain hunting approvals, prohibiting certain persons from obtaining or using hunting approvals, authorizing issuance of archery hunting approvals and nonfirearm hunting approvals for hunting certain animals, and providing a penalty	
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 type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<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"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG5	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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3/12/2010	

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill prohibits any person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm (felons, certain persons with injunctions or restraining orders, etc.) from obtaining a hunting license that authorizes hunting with a firearm. Under this bill the Department will be required to notify each person applying for any of these hunting licenses that they may not obtain a license which authorizes hunting with a firearm if they are prohibited from possessing a firearm. The bill creates a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for violations of the bill.

Fiscal Estimate:

Assumptions: This fiscal estimate is based on statistics for Wisconsin from the Federal Bureau of Investigation/National Instant Background Checks records on long gun purchase applications and on DOJ background checks for handgun purchase applications for 2007. (The majority of hunters in Wisconsin hunt with long guns, however, it is possible to hunt with handguns.) In 2007 there were 180,607 background checks regarding the purchase of long guns, which resulted in 1,529 denials (or 0.85%) and 38,849 checks regarding the purchase of handguns which resulted in 572 denials (or 1.47%). For the purposes of this fiscal estimate, the 0.85% of denials will be used; however, the 0.85% denial rate on long gun purchase applications occurred in the absence of a forfeiture or fine for applying for a gun. (This bill does have a forfeiture and fine attached to applying for a hunting license.) The assumed number of potential violations may drop as individuals become aware that they will be detected and face a penalty for purchasing the license.

For DNR, there will be 3 primary areas of fiscal impacts:

1.) Costs to DNR's Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing (CSL)

CSL will incur a one-time cost estimated by the contractor at \$6,650 to update the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS) and information provided which gives notice to those who are not allowed to possess a firearm. The customer signature receipt language would need to be modified at a cost of \$2,500 to reprint receipts. Additionally, as new license paper stock is ordered, the language printed on the backside of all license documents would be edited to include the new requirements.

2.) Cost to DNR's Bureau of Law Enforcement (LE)

The Bureau of Law Enforcement will likely see some increase in workload required to complete follow-up and enforcement actions on all potential violations when it is determined or suspected that an individual who is not allowed to possess a firearm, purchase a hunting license that authorizes the use of a firearm. The exact cost to the LE Bureau will depend on the number of individuals that might violate this new prohibition. Assuming that the percentage of hunters purchasing hunting licenses who are prohibited from possessing a firearm is about 5 % of the percentage of individuals attempting to purchase firearms who are prohibited from possessing a firearm, the Department may have to investigate as many as 298 individuals annually for possibly violating this provisions of this bill (~ 700,000 total hunters x 0.85% X .05 = 298 suspects). The Department would expect it to take an average of 4 hours to investigate and complete each of the cases for a total workload increase of 1,192 hrs [298 X 4 hours], or an equivalent of approximately .65 FTE's [2,380 / 1820 hrs] and an annualized cost of \$53,725 [.65 FTE x 2080hrs x \$25/hr x 1.5775 warden fringe rate].

3.) Additional State Revenues:

Since the bill creates a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for violations of the bill, there may be some additional state forfeiture-related revenue, particularly in the first year of the program. If, for example, 25% (or 75) of the 298 individuals investigated resulted in court assessed forfeitures of \$500 each, the additional revenue to the common school fund may be approximately \$37,500 [\$500 x 75]; the additional revenue to a Department of Justice (DOJ) penalty surcharge appropriation may be approximately \$9,750 [\$500 x 0.26 x 75]; and the additional revenue to the Conservation Fund may be approximately \$28,500

from the natural resources surcharge (75% of the amount of the forfeiture) and the wildlife violator compact surcharge (\$5 per violator) $[(\$500 \times 0.75 \times 75) + (75 \times \$5)]$.

One Time Costs = \$ 9,150

Annual increased cost to conduct investigations = \$53,700

Total annual additional state revenues: $\$37,500 + \$9,750 + \$28,500 = \$75,750$. The worksheet for this fiscal note will only reflect the DNR Conservation Fund revenues.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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	\$53,700		\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.6 FTE)		
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$53,700		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	53,700		
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	28,500		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$28,500		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State		Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$53,700		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$28,500		\$
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