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Description Carrying and displaying in electronic format certain approvals and safety certificates issued by the Department of Natural Resources									

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Background:

Current law generally requires persons of certain ages and born after certain dates to complete the relevant ATV, UTV, Boating, Snowmobile, or hunter education program before operating an ATV, UTV, boat or snowmobile, or obtaining a hunting license.

Any person required to hold an ATV, UTV or Snowmobile safety certificate to operate the respective vehicle is also currently required to carry the actual certificate when operating that vehicle and display it upon request of any law enforcement officer. In addition, any person who engages in hunting, trapping, or fishing in this state required to hold a valid approval is also currently required to carry the actual approval while engaging in that activity and to exhibit the approval to DNR or its wardens upon request.

This bill would allow a person required to carry an ATV, UTV, or snowmobile safety certificate or a hunting, fishing or trapping approval to carry the certificate or approval in either the current printed format, or in any electronic format-- including carrying an electronically scanned or photographic reproduction of the certificate or approval on a cellular telephone or other electronic device. The bill also allows the person to display the certificate or approval to a law enforcement officer or warden in either printed or electronic format.

Assumptions:

The cost of creating and electronic reproduction of a certificate or approval, if any, would be at the expense of the person who is required to carry the certificate or approval and does not require the Department to provide an electronic reproduction of such documents.

This bill does not specify any required minimum size of the reproduced document or display device screen, or that the reproduction be in focus, legible or capable of being enlarged to make it easy or read and verify. Therefore, additional time may be required by law enforcement officers who need to verify if an electronic reproduction presented to them is valid, not falisified or was issued to the person they have contacted. The cost associated with additional time necessary to verify the validity of the electronic reproduction of approvals is indeterminate.

Additionally, it is likely that the Department will experience an indeterminate decrease in revenue associated with the reproduction of Boat, ATV, Snow and Hunter Education certificates.

Finally, it should be noted that the definition of approvals includes carcass tags which must be physically validated and attached to game when harvested. This can not be done if only carried in electronic format. Stamp approvals might also easily be misrepresented in electronic format.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications