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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law authorizes DNR to promulgate rules to establish additional requirements that must be met before game birds are brought into the state for introduction or before they are released. Current law also authorizes DNR to promulgate and enforce rules relating to the care, treatment, and feeding of these birds, and to conduct inspections in order to enforce the laws related to bird hunting preserves. This bill transfers from DNR to DATCP the authority to promulgate these rules and conduct these inspections as they relate to possession and introduction of new world quail and other licensed activities related to new world quail.

Assumptions

The Department of Natural Resources anticipates that there would be no fiscal impacts as a result of implementing the bill.

The Department currently licenses 217 individuals to possess bobwhite quail on captive wild animal farms or at bird shooting preserves under s. 169 Stats. related to captive wild animals. Under the bill, the Department would no longer be required to license these facilities for quail and, similarly, there would no longer be reporting requirements or license renewals to issue. Law enforcement investigations into potential violations of s. 169 Stats. or Ch. NR 16 Wis. Admin. Code would also no longer be conducted by the Department related to new world quail. However, the savings in staff time and related expenses that might be expected as a result of reductions in department responsibility are negated after considering that very few captive wild animal farms or bird shooting preserves are licensed only for new world, bobwhite, quail. Most license holders are also licensed to possess other species of wildlife and so we do not anticipate any reduction in related expenses. Similarly, we do not anticipate a decline in revenue from the sales of captive wild animal farm or bird shooting preserve licenses. For instance, most bird shooting preserves are licensed primarily so that pheasant hunting activities can occur outside of the normal statewide hunting season and framework.

Bird shooting preserves may also be licensed for new world quail and chukar or red-legged partridge to provide a diversity of hunting opportunities at the facility, but nearly all provide pheasant hunting and would still be licensed by the Department. Likewise, most bird enthusiasts possess a variety of species and would still require licensing by the department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications