

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-0475/1	Introduction Number AB-0694	
Description free fishing weekend for veterans		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input checked="" 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		
Local:		
<input 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would designate the fourth full weekend in July as a special event during which veterans would be exempt from possessing a fishing license and any required stamps. It would also require the department to promulgate a rule designating the fourth full weekend in July as a license-free weekend for veterans. Existing state law provides that during two weekends, including the third weekend in January, anglers are exempt from the fishing license requirement and from paying associated fees to fish in waters of Wisconsin. This bill would create one additional weekend structured similarly to the existing two, but applicable only to veterans.

State Fiscal Effect

A. Costs

1. Staff training would be required to implement the provisions of this bill. It is estimated 5 hours of training development by a policy analyst at an average rate plus applicable fringe of \$50 per hour and 0.5 hours of training for each of approximately 100 Customer Service Representatives at an average rate plus applicable fringe of \$27.50 per hour would be required, equaling a one-time cost of \$1,600 [(5 hour * \$50/hour) + (0.5 hour * 100 * \$27.5/hour)].

2. Minimal additional training may be required for Law Enforcement, Parks and Office of Communication staff.

B. Revenue

The bill has the potential to decrease fishing license revenue and the federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) revenue received annually for each paid angler reported.

1. During the fourth full weekend in July 2020, there were 6,503 resident and nonresident licenses and stamps purchased totaling \$123,864 in license and stamp revenue. According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2014 Current Population Survey, 9.2% of Wisconsin adults are veterans. The department estimates the decrease in fishing license and stamp revenue by assuming the fishing licenses and stamps historically purchased during the fourth full weekend in July would meet the needs of the veteran angler for the entire license year (i.e. no fishing licenses or stamps would be purchased following free weekend). Assuming that nonresident veterans comprise the same percentage of the nonresident purchasers (9.2%) as resident veterans, the department estimates an approximate decrease in license and stamp revenue of \$11,400 (\$123,864 * 9.2%) annually.

2. If no fee is paid by an angler for a fishing license, the department is not allowed to certify that angler and receive grant funds per the federal regulations relating to SFR reporting. Therefore, if the free fishing weekend in July meets the need of veteran anglers and no fishing licenses or stamps were sold to these veterans as a result, the department would lose the SFR match for each of these veteran anglers who may have otherwise purchased a fishing license. Per current accounting, each fishing license holder the department certifies brings in \$8.50 in SFR funds. Assuming 9.2% of the licenses and stamps sold during the third weekend in July represented a paid angler the department may no longer be eligible to certify, annual SFR revenue would be reduced by approximately \$5,100 (\$8.50 * 6,503 * 9.2% veterans).

3. In summary, the total annual decrease in revenue as a result of implementing the provisions of this bill is estimated at \$16,500 (\$11,395 SEG license revenue + \$5,085 federal SFR match).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 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): One-time cost of \$1,600 for staff training.		
II. Annualized Costs:		
Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:		
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
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		-5,100
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		-11,400
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$-16,500
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$-16,500	\$
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