

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-0782/1	Introduction Number AB-0934	
Description combining the archer and crossbow hunting licenses		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 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 repeals the resident and nonresident crossbow hunting licenses and license fees from Wisconsin state statute and adds the authority to use a crossbow to the existing archer hunting license, so that only one license is required to hunt with either a bow or crossbow.

In addition, the bill increases the fees for both archer licenses by \$1.00, so the resident archer license would increase from \$21.25 to \$22.25 and the nonresident archer license would increase from \$162.25 to \$163.25. This bill does not alter the current \$0.75 issuing fee or the \$2.00 wildlife damage surcharge applied to the two archer licenses, so the total amount paid by the customer for a resident archer license would be \$25.00 and for a nonresident archer license would be \$166.00. This bill also does not alter the resident archer license fee for a customer under the age of 18, so this license fee will remain \$17.25 plus fees, for a total cost of \$20.00 paid by the customer. The conservation patron purchasers will retain their archery and crossbow license privileges: it should be noted that components of the conservation patron licenses are non-refundable.

Lastly, the bill also repeals the requirement to purchase an "upgrade" for an additional \$3.00 to be authorized to hunt with either a bow and arrow or a crossbow; therefore, as prescribed in the bill, a hunter who previously purchased a crossbow license will now be required to purchase an archer license for the same license fee.

I. Assumptions

As of December 31, 2023, for the current license year 2023, the department sold 121,571 crossbow licenses and 114,875 archer licenses, for a combined total of 236,446 licenses.

According to the most recent License Year 2023 sales data available through December 31, 2023, approximately 46,540 individuals purchased an archer or crossbow "upgrade" for the \$3.00 fee (36,785 crossbow license upgrades and 9,755 nonresident archer license upgrades). A portion of that \$3.00 fee is paid to agents through a statutorily authorized issuing fee, but the majority of the "upgrade" fee (\$2.25) is revenue used for wildlife management purposes.

II. One-Time Implementation Costs

The department will incur one-time implementation costs to make necessary changes to the Go Wild licensing system, train Customer Service Representatives and retail license agents, and update department web pages and hunting regulations.

The bill does not contain a delayed effective date, which could increase the one-time implementation costs. Without a delayed effective date that aligns implementation with the beginning of new license year sales (March 1), customers may have already purchased and used their \$3.00 "upgrade" license products. Given this, some customers will have paid \$3.00 more than others for the same privileges. Based on last year's numbers, this could impact approximately 46,540 individuals.

A. Modifying and performance testing the automated Go Wild licensing issuance system: 40 hours * \$51.59/hour (average business analyst rate plus applicable fringe) = \$2,063.60

B. Updating department web pages, agent resources and public communication materials: 32 hours development * \$55.49/hr. (policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe) = \$1,775.68

C. Training Customer Service Representatives (CSR) staff and retail license agents:
[20 hrs. training development, recording, and distribution * \$57.70/hr. (average policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe)] + [1 hr. * 100 CSRs * \$24/hr. (average CSR rate plus applicable fringe)] = \$3,554

D. Total one-time implementation costs: \$7,500 (\$2,100 + \$1,800 + \$3,600)

III. Revenue

A. The department anticipates a decrease of approximately \$104,700 (46,540 "upgrade" products * \$2.25) in revenue annually from the loss of crossbow and archer "upgrades".

B. The department also estimates that revenue will increase by \$236,500/yr. $[(121,571+114875)*\$1]$ as a result of the \$1 fee increases prescribed in the bill.

C. The estimated net annual revenue impact of the bill is \$131,800 (236,500 - 104,700 = 131,800).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 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): Total one-time implementation costs of \$7,500.		
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		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	236,500	-104,700
TOTAL State Revenues	\$236,500	\$-104,700
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$131,800	\$
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