

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/09/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1131

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$(6,000)		\$(6,000)
Expenditures				\$0		\$0
Appropriations				\$0		\$0

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The bill amendment clarifies age limitations for license to hunt big game, age limitations for youth deer hunting season and clarifies who is eligible for gratis licenses.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The age fourteen limitation clarification has a minimal fiscal impact. For a license to hunt big game, it is extending the eligibility from "on or before the opening date" to "occurs in the same year". This will allow individuals to be eligible for the license that year instead of waiting until the next year. For youth deer hunting season it clarifies individuals with a twelfth or thirteenth birthday and it is extending the eligibility from "on or before the opening date or during" to "in the same year as". This will allow additional individuals to be eligible for the license that year instead of waiting until the next year. A clarification is needed on the size of sections in North Dakota and who is named on the title of the section. A quarter section ranges from 130 acres near the Canadian border to 160 acres. In 2012, some land owners (approx. 150) who owned an entire quarter section that was less than 160 acres did not qualify for a gratis license due to them having a short quarter. This bill amendment would allow these individuals a gratis which reduces our revenue by approx. \$6,000 (150x\$20x2)per biennium. This is a rough estimate.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

It is difficult to estimate the fiscal impact affected by the amended age limitations to hunt big game and youth deer. We estimate a minimal number of individuals would get to hunt one year early. These licenses are \$10 and would generate minimal additional revenue. The fiscal impact based on how the bill is written would allow land owners who own an entire quarter section that have less than 160 acres be eligible for a gratis. In the 2012 season we had approx. 150 gratis applications that were denied due to short acreage. This would amount to \$6,000 less revenue collected under the new language.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

None anticipated.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

None anticipated.

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