

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**03/29/2013**

Amendment to: HB 1130

- 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       |                    |             |                    | \$0         |                    | \$0         |
| Expenditures   |                    |             |                    | \$0         |                    | \$(171,400) |
| Appropriations |                    |             |                    | \$0         |                    | \$(171,400) |

- 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 relates to requiring county auditors and vendors to implement a computerized online licensing system approved by the dept. for the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses or stamps.

- 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 implementation of requiring county auditors and vendors to issue game and fish hunting and fishing licenses or stamps via a computerized online licensing system will decrease the department's expenditures since it is cheaper to issue licenses on-line vs paper. There is no fiscal impact on revenue.

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.*

None anticipated.

- 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.*

This bill will eliminate the issuance of paper licenses by counties and vendors which will reduce the expenses of the game and fish department. Based on the cost of selling licenses, the approximate cost for issuing an on-line license is .54 cents and a paper license is \$1.22. We save approximately .68 per license issuing on-line vs. paper. In 2010, the counties/vendors sold 276,678 paper licenses ( $276,678 \times .68 = \$188,141$ ). In 2011 the counties/vendors sold 227,381 paper licenses ( $227,381 \times .68 = \$154,619$ ). The savings for a biennium is approx. \$342,000. Due to the staggered effective dates in the bill, the department won't realize the full biennial savings until 2017-2019. For 2013-2015, a minimal savings will be noticed since the change will only affect the license season beginning April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. We do not have an estimate for this period because we do not know how many paper licenses will be eliminated during that time. For 2015-2017, vendors only have to be on-line by the 2nd year. Our best estimate of the savings is \$171,400. This amount could be more if the vendors go on-line sooner.

- 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.*

This bill will reduce expenditures in the operating line. For 2013-15 it will have a minimal decrease which would only affect 3 months of the biennium; the decrease is anticipated to be insignificant. For 2015-17, the reduction in appropriation will be reflected in that budget request.

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