

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1214 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council _____ Date of Request: 1-8-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

House Bill 1214 takes 20% of Game and Fish lottery hunting license revenue and allocates it to county treasuries. This would amount to about \$400,000 per year. In addition to this shifting of \$400,000 per year to the counties, North Dakota Game and Fish would lose about \$2,500,000 per year in Federal Aid for Wildlife Restoration funds. These funds come from an excise tax on hunting equipment such as firearms and archery equipment. This funding would be lost because of a federal requirement that hunting license fees not be used for anything other than the administration of the state's fish and game department. If this bill passed and funds were transferred to the counties, North Dakota would no longer receive this federal funding. These funds pay for management of the Department wildlife management areas, small game and big game management and the ND hunter education program. North Dakota would remain ineligible for this funding until the license fee dollars were returned to the Game and Fish Department.

2. **State** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

| | 1997-99 Biennium | | 1999-2001 Biennium | | 2001-03 Biennium | |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | General Fund | Special Funds | General Fund | Special Funds | General Fund | Special Funds |
| Revenues: | 0 | 0 | 0 | (\$5,800,000) | 0 | (\$5,800,000) |
| Expenditures: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: N/A
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: N/A
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: N/A

4. **County, City, and School District** fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

| 1997-99 Biennium | | | 1999-2001 Biennium | | | 2001-03 Biennium | | |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | \$800,000 | 0 | 0 | \$800,000 | 0 | 0 |

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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