

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/18/2013

Amendment to: 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				\$(8,480)		\$(8,480)
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, clarifies who is eligible for gratis licenses and changes # of acres to 150 for all big game.

- 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. This bill amendment would allow individuals of a trust or estate a gratis. The bill changed the acres from 160 to 150 for all big game licenses (deer, pronghorn, moose, elk).

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 of changing eligibility of a gratis to owning at least 150 acres and allowing individuals who own a trust or life estate is an estimate based on applications we received in the 2012 season. We had approx. 125 gratis applications that were denied due to a trust or life estate and we had approx. 87 applications between 150-160 acres. This would amount to \$8,480 (212 x 20 x 2) per biennium less revenue collected under the new language. The bill has an emergency clause so it would affect the 2013 season.

- 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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