

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/21/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2242

- 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				\$(10,218)		\$(20,436)
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 creates a new section waiving the hunting and fishing fees for 100% disabled veterans.

- 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.*

On the surface, this bill has a minimal fiscal impact on license sales revenue. However, it will affect the amount of federal apportionment we receive from the USFWS Wildlife & Sportfish Restoration Program. These federal funds are based on license sales. By waiving the fee, we can't count these licenses in our federal certification.

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.*

The fiscal impact is difficult to calculate as we do not know how many 100% disabled veterans will purchase a license or which hunting/fishing licenses they may elect to purchase. In the 2011 fishing season, we sold 412 resident totally/permanently disabled fishing licenses. It is unknown how many of these were disabled veterans. Per the Veteran's Affairs Office, the # of 100% disabled veterans was 801 in FY2011. Hypothetically, if half of the 412 fishing licenses sold were disabled veterans it will equate to \$618 (206 x \$3) a year. It is unknown how many 100% disabled veterans will hunt. On average, 30% of residents in ND hunt. By applying that % to the 801 disabled veterans it comes to 240. It is unknown which hunting licenses they will buy. Assuming they purchase a deer and waterfowl/pheasant license it will equate to \$9,600 (240 x \$40) per year. Total reduction in revenue for a biennium is \$20,436 (\$10,218 x2). The proposed bill will take effect for the 2014 season. Therefore, only 1 year in the 2013-15 biennium will be affected. This amount of estimated revenue loss does not include the amount of potential loss of federal funds due to issuing free licenses.

- 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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