

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/12/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1196

- 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.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$(72,400)		\$(144,800)
Expenditures				\$0		\$0
Appropriations						

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

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 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).*

A bill relating to reduced fishing and hunting license fees, by \$11 and \$42 respectively, for resident current and retired national guard members.

- 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.*

This bill amendment has a significant negative fiscal impact on our revenue. It would reduce a fishing license from \$16 to \$5 and hunting licenses from \$45 to \$3. This bill would also not allow online licensing since paperwork would need to be verified before issuing the proposed licenses; these licenses would need to be issued by the Bismarck office by mail or walk-in.

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 resident current and retired national guard members there are and how many participate in hunting and fishing. There are approx. 4,000 current army and air national guard members. Hypothetically, if 50% of current national guard members fish, it would equate to \$22,000 (2,000 x \$11) a year. On average, 30% of residents in ND hunt. By applying that % to the 4,000 of current national guard members, it comes to \$50,400 (1,200 x \$42). Total reduction in revenue due to current national guard members would be \$144,800 (\$72,400 x 2) for a biennium. This basically would allow a \$50 combination license to be discounted to \$8 which results in an 84% decrease.

We do not know how many retired national guard members there are in the state. We contacted the National Guard and on average they retire about 75 people a year. They did not know how many retired guard members there are or how many remain in the state. We anticipate that this number would be significant and would have a significant negative affect on revenue.

The proposed bill would take effect for the 2016 season. Therefore, only 1 year in the 2015-17 biennium would be affected.

- 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.*

It is important to note that this bill would not allow online licensing for these individuals since paperwork would need to be verified before issuing the proposed licenses. As estimated above, these 3,200 licenses would need to be issued by the Bismarck office either by mail or in person. This would require additional staff time to process these licenses which otherwise could've been purchased online. The amount of staff time would be difficult to estimate.

- 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

None anticipated

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