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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 508** HLS 26RS 449
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Outlaw Quadrupeds on Private Property

HUNTING/LICENSES OR DECREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides an exception to hunting license requirements for the taking of outlaw quadrupeds on a person's private property

Current law provides that hunters shall obtain a hunting license to hunt outlaw quadrupeds (feral hogs, coyotes, and armadillos), whether they are hunting on their private property or elsewhere. Proposed law provides that owners of private property shall not be required to obtain a hunting license to take outlaw quadrupeds within the bounds of their private property.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.


REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may decrease revenues deposited into the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund. Proposed law provides that owners of private property shall not be required to obtain a hunting license to take outlaw quadrupeds within the bounds of their private property. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) would experience a loss of revenue associated with these individuals no longer being required to purchase a license. LDWF is unable to estimate the number of these specific hunters that currently purchase a hunting license only to hunt outlaw quadrupeds on their own property. The basic hunting license costs \$20 annually. To the extent that a number of persons no longer purchase a hunting license due to the exception provided for in the proposed law, a corresponding decrease in revenue is anticipated.

Additionally, the proposed law may have an indirect impact on LDWF revenue collections of civil fines. Proposed law may create an exploit for unlicensed hunters pursuing animals that require a license (deer, waterfowl, turkey, etc.), to the extent that the unlicensed hunter is stopped on private property by enforcement agents and claims they are hunting outlaw quadrupeds. Any such indirect impact on revenue is anticipated to be nominal.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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