

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 300** HLS 20RS 477

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Hunting Penalties	

HUNTING/PENALTIES OR INCREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Increases nonresident penalties for hunting without a license

Proposes to amend the penalties of hunting without a license from a class two violation to a class three violation.

Class 2 Penalties 1st offense \$100-350 fine; 2nd offense \$300-\$550 fine; 3rd offense+ \$500-\$750 fine
Class 3 Penalties 1st offense \$250-500 fine; 2nd offense \$500-800 fine; 3rd offense+ \$750-\$1,000 fine

Effective August 1, 2020.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in revenue to local governmental agencies as a result of this measure.

Although the proposed legislation increases the penalties for hunting without a license, the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) will continue to receive the same portion of the penalty for their statutorily dedicated funds. LDWF receives \$5 of any fine for the Conservation Fund and \$2 of any fine for the Fish and Wildlife Reward Fund. Any increase in revenues resulting from the increase in penalties will be realized by local Sheriff's offices, District Attorney's offices, and/or other offices within the judicial system in a local municipality or parish. The increase in revenues is indeterminable at this time as the number of potential violators is unknown. The number of violations issued in the past three years are: 99 in 2017; 107 in 2018; and 103 in 2019. Violators must be convicted of the offense; therefore, LDWF may not realize revenues from all citations issued.

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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