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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 349** HLS 24RS 169

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Hunting license	

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

OR DECREASE SG RV See Note

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Removes the need for a hunting license for the taking of outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, and beavers

Proposed law removes the requirement to have a hunting license to hunt outlaw quadrupeds (feral hogs, armadillos, coyotes), nutria, and beavers. Proposed law removes the requirement to notify the local parish sheriff of an intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beavers at night.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is able to make the proposed changes to the licensing system using existing resources and staff.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

A basic hunting license costs \$20 annually and is currently required to hunt beavers, nutria, and outlaw quadrupeds. Proposed law would eliminate any revenue generated from hunters that solely hunt these animals. LDWF would experience a loss of revenue associated with these individuals no longer being required to purchase a license. The department is unable to estimate the number of these specific hunters and the associated impact.

Additionally, revenue may further decrease if unlicensed hunters improperly exploit this law to hunt animals that require a license (deer, waterfowl, turkey, etc.) as they could claim they were hunting beavers, nutria, or outlaw quadrupeds prior to harvesting an animal.

Senate
 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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