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Fiscal Note**

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Subject: Removing Freshwater Charter Boat Fishing Guide Licenses	

FISHING/LICENSES OR -\$17,500 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to freshwater charter boat fishing guide licenses

Present law requires both residents and nonresidents to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide license to be a charter boat fishing guide. The annual fee for a resident freshwater charter boat fishing guide license is \$150. The annual fee for a nonresident freshwater charter boat fishing guide license is \$500 plus an additional \$500 to the department for promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and administrative costs.

Proposed law removes the requirement for a freshwater charter boat fishing guide to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide license from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$87,500)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$17,500)	(\$87,500)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law removes the requirement under present law to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide license in order to be a charter boat fishing guide. While the proposed law does not directly impact state expenditures, it does eliminate statutorily dedicated revenues out of the Conservation Fund used to support functions within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. (See Revenue Explanation).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will decrease revenues by \$17,500 out of the Statutorily Dedicated Conservation Fund as a result of this measure. Present law establishes the freshwater charter boat fishing guide licenses and set the fee at \$150 for residents and \$1,000 (\$500 license fee + \$500 promotion fee) for non-residents. The freshwater charter boat licenses became effective November 15, 2021. As of 3/4/2022, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has issued 36 resident licenses and 0 non-resident licenses. Relying on department knowledge of the industry, LDWF estimates that 50 resident licenses and 10 non-resident licenses will be issued annually. This equates to an annual loss of \$17,500 (\$7,500 resident + \$10,000 non-resident) for the department if the licensing fees are eliminated.

Potential Annual Revenue from Freshwater Charter Boat Guide Licenses

$\$150 \text{ resident license fee} \times 50 \text{ licenses} = \$7,500$
 $\$1,000 \text{ non-resident license fee} \times 10 \text{ licenses} = \underline{\$10,000}$
\$17,500

Note: The LFO presumes LDWF's industry knowledge and assumptions provide accurate estimates for the number of freshwater charter boat guides operating in the state that will require a license under present law. To the extent more or less freshwater charter boat guides operate in the state, the potential revenue loss will vary accordingly.

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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