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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Nonresident hunting and fishing licenses	

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES OR DECREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the issuance of nonresident recreational hunting and fishing licenses at the same cost as resident licenses

Proposed law specifies that until January 1, 2016, for nonresident hunting and recreational fishing licenses shall be reduced as follows: Duck license from \$25 to \$5.50, Wild turkey license from \$25 to \$5.50, Basic hunting from \$200 to \$15, Big game from \$250 to \$15, Primitive firearms from \$50 to \$10.50, Bow hunting from \$50 to \$10.50, Bow hunting from \$50 to \$10.50, Freshwater fishing from \$60 to \$9.50, Saltwater fishing from \$30 to \$5.50.

Effective January 1, 2016, license fees return to previous levels.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	\$0	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0
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>	\$0
Annual Total		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$3,022,769)	(\$3,022,769)	(\$1,395,555)	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	(\$7,441,093)
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>	\$0
Annual Total	(\$3,022,769)	(\$3,022,769)	(\$1,395,555)			(\$7,441,093)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in programming costs of approximately \$1,800 in FY 14 and again in FY 16 to adjust the fees in the electronic licensing system. The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$90 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 20 hours of work is necessary to make these changes. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted requiring programming changes, the department may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will decrease revenues to the Conservation Fund for the next three fiscal years. Based on the license sales in FY 12 and assuming the number of license holders remains constant, the estimated revenue decrease would be \$3,022,769 in FY 14 and FY 15 and \$1,395,555 in FY 16.

Note: In FY 17 and beyond, when license fees return to rates in this proposed legislation, license revenues will increase by approximately \$230,000 annually. When hunting and fishing license fees increased in 2000 (Act 1 of the 2000 2nd Extraordinary Legislative Session), through the administrative rule process the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission reduced some of the nonresident annual hunting license increases due to public comments. Pursuant to proposed law, when the fees change back to the rate in proposed legislation on January 1, 2016, those nonresident rates will revert back to the original passed by Act 1 and not the current rate being charged per the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission rule.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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