

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0480

**Title:** Moratorium on fishing outfitter licenses

**Primary**

**Sponsor:** Steven Gallus

**Status:** As Introduced

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Sponsor signature Date

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2002</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
State Special Revenue	(\$7,625)	(\$7,625)
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### **Department of Commerce**

1. HB 480 would impose a moratorium on the number of fishing outfitters in the State of Montana.
2. As of 01/24/2001, there were 559 licensed fishing outfitters (528 Active, 31 Inactive). This number includes 54 licensed fishing outfitters that have not yet renewed for the year 2001 and have until 04/01/2001 in order to make application for renewal. An assumption is made that if this bill becomes effective prior to 04/01/2001, these numbers will be included in the "total number of fishing outfitters".

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3. The current board staff would absorb any additional administrative requirements associated with the moratorium.
4. There has been an average net gain of 5 fishing outfitters per year over the last four years. Each fishing outfitter hires an average of two guides. Loss of revenue would be \$6,625 (\$1,325 new application fee for 5 applicants) and \$1,000 (\$100 guide application fee for 10 applicants).

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$7,625)	(\$7,625)
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$7,625)	(\$7,625)