



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # HB0350

Title: Revise hunting and fishing licensing laws related to military personnel

Primary Sponsor: Zolnikov, Daniel

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$233,720)	(\$233,720)	(\$233,720)	(\$233,720)
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 350 requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to issue free licenses to military personnel and would result in a net loss in revenue of \$329,396 per year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

1. The free license would affect two different groups of military residents.

All Military Personnel Stationed on Active Duty in Montana

- a. From the US Census Bureau, 2009 statistics, 3,623 military personnel are stationed in Montana.
- b. FWP estimates that:
 - i. 90% of those military personnel would take advantage of this license.
 - ii. 50% of those military personnel would have purchased hunting and fishing licenses previously.

- iii. Using the sportsman license fee of \$70 as a base, the loss in revenue would be \$114,125.
(3,623 x 90% x 50% x \$70)

Montana Residents Enlisted in the Military, but Stationed Elsewhere

- a. According to data obtained in 2005 from the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), 1,139 Montanans enlist in the military annually and serve an average of six years in the military. The estimated number of Montanans currently serving on active duty is 6,834. (1,139 x 6) (Note: The MEPS no longer provides this information; 2005 is the best data available.)
 - b. FWP estimates that:
 - iv. 50% of those military personnel would take advantage of this license.
 - v. 50% of those military personnel would have purchased hunting and fishing licenses previously.
 - vi. Using the sportsman license fee of \$70 as a base, the loss in revenue would be \$119,595.
(6,834 x 50% x 50% x \$70)
2. The total net loss in revenue is \$233,720 (\$114,125 + \$119,595).

	<u>FY 2014</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>	<u>(\$233,720)</u>

Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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