



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0843 - Free hunting/fishing for service members/veterans with 50% disability rating (Kerns, Scot)

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>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	(\$129,068)	(\$129,068)	(\$129,068)	(\$129,068)
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: HB 843 provides for resident disabled veterans of the armed forces with a minimum of 50% service-connected disability to receive a wildlife conservation license, base hunting license, aquatic invasive species prevention pass, and a Class AAA Sportsman's Combination license not to include a Class A-6 Bear tag, at no cost.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. This bill moves disabled veterans' language for restrictions on hunting licenses to licenses for service members in 87-2-817 (2)(b), MCA.
2. The bill creates a new section that provides a Montana resident veteran, who has a qualified service-connected disability of 50% or greater the option of four different licenses at no cost.

