



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

SB0298 - Revise laws related to hunting by disabled persons (Molnar, Brad )

**Status:** As Amended in Senate Committee

- 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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$64,994	\$45,119	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$1,200	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** This bill will allow disabled person to purchase a permit to hunt with a crossbow during an archery-only season.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:**

- SB 298 creates a new category of disabled hunters with separate qualifications from the permit to hunt from a vehicle (PTHV).
- There are currently 5,001 hunters that are certified as PTHV. Though it has different requirements, we assume a similar number of hunters that qualify for PTHV will qualify for the new crossbow permit.
- It is assumed that many hunters age 70 and older may also qualify for the new crossbow permit. There are currently 26,368 hunters age 70 and older.
- Based on data from the ADA National Network, 30% of people over age 65 and 50% of people over age 75 are considered disabled.

5. Taking this data into consideration, it is estimated that 40%, or 10,547 hunters age 70 and older will qualify for the new crossbow permit.
6. The total number of hunters that will qualify for the new crossbow permit is 15,548 (5,001 + 10,547).
7. Approximately 30.7% of hunters purchased a bow license. If you apply this percentage to the anticipated number of hunters that will qualify for a permit to hunt with a crossbow, 4,774 hunters will purchase a new crossbow permit (15,548 hunters x 30.7%).
8. The license year runs from March 1 to February 28 annually, with a majority of licenses purchased in May and June.
9. The crossbow permit will cost \$10 for the hunting season. The estimated revenue from the crossbow permit is \$47,740 (4,774 x \$10).
10. The crossbow permit holder will also be required to purchase a bow license for \$10 if they have not done so previously.
11. It is estimated that half of the crossbow permit holders will not have previously purchased a bow license. This will generate revenue of \$23,870 (4,774 / 2 x \$10).
12. The total revenue generated from the crossbow permit will be \$71,610.
13. To be eligible to purchase a crossbow permit, a person will have had to purchase a bow and arrow license within the last three years and completed a crossbow education course. This cannot be handled automatically in the current licensing system.
14. Licensing staff will have to manually check for these requirements which will require modified FTE for a License Permit Technician and one-time only authority funding of \$64,674 in FY 2024 and \$43,519 in FY 2025.
15. It is expected that this can be added to XMT system in license year 2025.
16. The amendment will cap the number of permits issued to 400. The revenue from the crossbow permit will be \$4,000 (400 x \$10).
17. The crossbow permit holder will also be required to purchase a bow license for \$10 if they have not done so previously. It is estimated that half of the crossbow permit holders will not have previously purchased a bow license. This will generate revenue of \$2,00 (400 / 2 x \$10).
18. SB 298 will require the department to conduct a survey and report the findings on the crossbow permits issued.
19. Based on other surveys conducted, 80% of hunters will respond. It is estimated that 320 hunters will respond the survey (400 x 80%).
20. There is a cost of five dollars per survey response. The cost associated with the survey and reporting requirements is \$1,600.

**Fiscal Impact:**

FTE	1.00	0.67	0.00	0.00
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**Expenditures:**

Personal Services	\$64,674	\$43,519	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$320	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$64,994</u>	<u>\$45,119</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>

**Funding of Expenditures:**

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$64,994	\$45,119	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$64,994</u>	<u>\$45,119</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>

**Revenues:**

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,200	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>

**Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):**

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$63,794)	(\$39,119)	\$4,400	\$4,400

**Technical Notes:**

- The effective date should be March 1, 2024 to coincide with the license year.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

3/30/23

Date

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Budget Director's Initials

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