



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0512 - Generally revise non resident hunting license laws (Molnar, Brad)

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 checked="" 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

	FY 2024 Difference	FY 2025 Difference	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$1,407,631) ▼	(\$1,407,631) ▼	(\$1,407,631) ▼	(\$1,407,631) ▼
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 512 limits the number of nonresident game bird licenses, increases certain resident license prices, limits nonresident elk archery licenses, increases the deer combo quota, and subtracts the Come Home to Hunt licenses sold from the current license quota.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- SB 512 will limit the number of nonresident game bird licenses to 10% of the number of resident licenses purchased the previous year. Assuming license sales are consistent with license year 2022, this will result in a loss of revenue of \$780,550 as shown in the table below.

License Type	License Year 2022 Price	FY 2022 Non Res Licenses Sold	FY 2022 Revenue	2022 Resident Licenses Sold	10% Limit	Revenue with 10% Limit	Change in Revenue
Upland Game Bird Adult	\$ 110.00	6,007	\$ 660,770.00	18,716	1,872	\$ 205,920.00	\$(454,850.00)
Upland Game Bird Youth	\$ 50.00	2,861	\$ 143,050.00	4,387	439	\$ 21,950.00	\$(121,100.00)
Upland Game Bird Disabled	\$ 55.00	159	\$ 8,745.00	498	50	\$ 2,750.00	\$(5,995.00)
Upland Game Bird Senior	\$ 55.00	47	\$ 2,585.00	5,462	47	\$ 2,585.00	\$ -
Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Stamp	\$ 20.00	579	\$ 11,580.00	23,670	579	\$ 11,580.00	\$ -
Migratory Bird Youth (12-18)	\$ 115.00	2,010	\$ 231,150.00	2,831	283	\$ 32,545.00	\$(198,605.00)
Turkey	\$ 57.50	936	\$ 53,820.00	37,152	936	\$ 53,820.00	\$ -
Total		12,599	1,111,700	92,716	4,206	\$ 331,150.00	\$(780,550.00)

2. This bill will increase the cost of licenses listed in the table below. Assuming license sales are consistent with license year 2022, this will generate additional revenue of \$423,656.

License Type	License Year 2022 Price	FY 2022 Quantity Sold	FY 2022 Revenue	Proposed License Price	Projected Revenue	Change in Revenue
Resident Class A-3 deer A	\$ 16.00	53,250	\$ 852,000.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 931,875.00	\$ 79,875.00
Resident Class A-3 deer A (for youth, seni	\$ 8.00	27,210	\$ 217,680.00	\$ 8.75	\$ 238,087.50	\$ 20,407.50
Resident Class A-4 deer B	\$ 10.00	62,563	\$ 625,630.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 688,193.00	\$ 62,563.00
Resident Class A-5 elk	\$ 20.00	40,063	\$ 801,260.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 881,386.00	\$ 80,126.00
Resident Class A-5 elk (for youth, senior,	\$ 10.00	16,456	\$ 164,560.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 181,016.00	\$ 16,456.00
Resident Class A-9 resident antlerless elk	\$ 20.00	24,553	\$ 491,060.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 540,166.00	\$ 49,106.00
Resident Class A-6 black bear	\$ 19.00	11,774	\$ 223,706.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 247,254.00	\$ 23,548.00
Nonresident Class B-7 deer A	\$ 250.00	0	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ -
Nonresident Class B-8 deer B	\$ 75.00	13,082	\$ 981,150.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 1,072,724.00	\$ 91,574.00
Total		248,951	\$ 4,357,046.00		\$ 4,780,701.50	\$ 423,655.50

3. The nonresident B-10 big game combination license is currently projected to be \$1,250, including consumer price index (CPI) adjustment, in license year 2024. This bill sets the base price to \$1,079 in license year 2024, with the CPI adjusted annually beginning in license year 2025. This change will decrease revenue by \$2,224,625 as shown in Table 1. Table 2 shows the shows the net change to each fund with the passage of this bill.

Table 1

License Type	Projected License Year 2024 Price	FY 2022 Quantity Sold	Projected FY 2024 Revenue	Proposed License Price	Proposed Projected Revenue	Change in Revenue
Nonresident Class B-10 B-10 big game combo	\$ 1,250.00	12,188	\$15,235,000.00	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 13,150,852.00	\$(2,084,148.00)
Nonresident Class B-10 B-10 big game combo (nonresident relative, come home to hunt, youth, college)	\$ 625.00	1,643	\$ 1,026,875.00	\$ 539.50	\$ 886,398.50	\$(140,476.50)
Total		13,831	\$16,261,875.00		\$ 14,037,250.50	\$(2,224,624.50)

Table 2

License Type	General License	Hunting Access	Change in Revenue
Nonresident Class B-10 B-10 big game combo	(1,490,166)	\$ (593,982.18)	\$(2,084,148.00)
Nonresident Class B-10 B-10 big game combo (nonresident relative, come home to hunt, youth, college)	(100,441)	\$ (40,035.80)	\$(140,476.50)
Total	\$ (1,590,606.52)	\$ (634,017.98)	\$(2,224,624.50)

4. This bill will increase the maximum number of unreserved Class B-11 deer combo licenses that can be sold from 4,600 to 6,600. Based on the number of applications, it is assumed all 6,600 Class B-11 deer combo licenses will be purchased. The projected increase in revenue is \$2,184,000 as shown in the table below.

License Type	Projected License Year 2024 Price	Current Max Class B-11	Proposed Max Class B-11	Current Max Revenue	Proposed Max Revenue	Change in Revenue
Class B-11	\$ 728.00	4,600	6,600	\$ 3,348,800.00	\$4,804,800.00	\$ 1,456,000.00
Class B-11 (nonresident relative, college)	\$ 364.00	4,600	6,600	\$ 1,674,400.00	\$2,402,400.00	\$ 728,000.00
Total				\$ 5,023,200.00	\$7,207,200.00	\$ 2,184,000.00

5. This bill specifies that the revenue from assumption 4 above may not be allocated pursuant to other statutory requirements generally applicable to Class B-11 licenses. Currently, a majority of the revenue from the sale of the Class B-11 deer combo licenses is earmarked for Wildlife Habitat Acquisition and Hunting Access. Table 1 below shows how the revenue would be distributed with the current earmarks. Table 2 below shows the net change to each fund with the passage of this bill.

Table 1

License Type	General License	Habitat MT Acquisition	Hunting Access	Habitat MT Ops & Maint	Habitat MT Trust	Total
Class B-11	\$ 1,916,112.00	\$ 1,215,456.00	\$ 1,369,368.00	\$ 151,932.00	\$ 151,932.00	\$ 4,804,800.00
Class B-11 (nonresident relative, college)	\$ 198,396.00	\$ 1,215,456.00	\$ 684,684.00	\$ 151,932.00	\$ 151,932.00	\$ 2,402,400.00
Total	\$ 2,114,508.00	\$ 2,430,912.00	\$ 2,054,052.00	\$ 303,864.00	\$ 303,864.00	\$ 7,207,200.00

Table 2

License Type	General License	Habitat MT Acquisition	Hunting Access	Habitat MT Ops & Maint	Habitat MT Trust
Class B-11	\$ 4,804,800.00	\$ (1,215,456.00)	\$ (1,369,368.00)	\$ (151,932.00)	\$ (151,932.00)
Class B-11 (nonresident relative, college)	\$ 2,402,400.00	\$ (1,215,456.00)	\$ (684,684.00)	\$ (151,932.00)	\$ (151,932.00)
Total	\$ 7,207,200.00	\$ (2,430,912.00)	\$ (2,054,052.00)	\$ (303,864.00)	\$ (303,864.00)

6. This bill removes the language that allows the department to sell the remaining elk tag portion of the Class B-10 license as an elk only combination license. Based on 2022 license sales, this will reduce revenue by \$478,516 as shown in Table 1. Table 2 shows the net change to each fund with the passage of this bill.

Table 1

License Type	Projected License Year 2024 Price	FY 2022 Quantity Sold	Projected Revenue
Elk Combo	\$ 1,054.00	433	\$ (456,382.00)
Elk Combo Family Sponsor (Home to Hunt)	\$ 527.00	42	\$ (22,134.00)
Total	\$ 1,581.00	475	\$ (478,516.00)

Table 2

License Type	General License	Upland Game Bird	Wildlife Habitat Acquisition	Hunting Access	Home to Hunt	Habitat MT Ops & Maint	Upland Game Bird Planting	Wildlife Habitat Trust	Total
Elk Combo	\$ (263,701.33)	\$ (8,465.15)	\$ (42,122.24)	\$ (130,068.87)		\$ (5,265.28)	\$ (1,493.85)	\$ (5,265.28)	\$ (456,382.00)
Elk Combo Family Sponsor (Home to Hunt)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,134.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,134.00)
Total	\$ (263,701.33)	\$ (8,465.15)	\$ (42,122.24)	\$ (130,068.87)	\$ (22,134.00)	\$ (5,265.28)	\$ (1,493.85)	\$ (5,265.28)	\$ (478,516.00)

7. Currently, the Home to Hunt B-10 and B-11 licenses are sold in addition to the license quotas established in 87-2-505 and 87-2-510, MCA. SB 512 will count Home to Hunt B-10 and B-11 licenses towards the established quotas. Based on 2022 license sales, this will reduce revenue by \$531,596 as shown in Table 1. Table 2 shows the net change to each fund with the passage of this bill.

Table 1

License Type	Projected License Year 2024 Price	FY 2022 Quantity Sold	Current Projected Revenue	Projected FY 2024 Quantity Sold	Proposed Projected Revenue	Change in Revenue
Class B-10	\$ 1,079.00	17,000.00	\$18,343,000.00	16,620.00	\$ 17,932,980.00	\$ (410,020.00)
Class B-11	\$ 728.00	4,600.00	\$ 3,348,800.00	4,433.00	\$ 3,227,224.00	\$ (121,576.00)
Class B-10 Home to Hunt	\$ 539.50	380.00	\$ 205,010.00	380.00	\$ 205,010.00	\$ -
Class B-11 Home to Hunt	\$ 364.00	167.00	\$ 60,788.00	167.00	\$ 60,788.00	\$ -
Total		22,147.00	21,957,598.00	21,600.00	21,426,002.00	(531,596.00)

Table 2

License Type	General License	Upland Game Bird	Wildlife Habitat Acquisition	Hunting Access	Home to Hunt	Habitat MT Ops & Maint	Upland Game Bird Planting	Wildlife Habitat Trust	Total
Class B-10	\$ (234,720.30)	\$ (7,429.00)	\$ (39,763.20)	\$ (116,855.70)	\$ -	\$ (4,970.40)	\$ (1,311.00)	\$ (4,970.40)	\$ (410,020.00)
Class B-11	\$ (48,483.44)	\$ -	\$ (30,754.72)	\$ (34,649.16)	\$ -	\$ (3,844.34)	\$ -	\$ (3,844.34)	\$ (121,576.00)
Class B-10 Home to Hunt					\$ -				\$ -
Class B-11 Home to Hunt					\$ -				\$ -
Total	\$ (283,203.74)	\$ (7,429.00)	\$ (70,517.92)	\$ (151,504.86)	\$ -	\$ (8,814.74)	\$ (1,311.00)	\$ (8,814.74)	\$ (531,596.00)

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)
TOTAL Revenues	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)	(\$1,407,631)

Technical Notes:

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

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Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date