

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
GAME & FISH FUND	\$4,876	\$0	\$0

Source of expenditure increase:

Programming costs associated with modifying the application system to allow a single application fee for the purchase of multiple hunting licenses at the same time.

Assumptions:

Approximately 80 hours of programming at the rate of \$60.95 per hour for a senior programmer.

The expenditure increase reflected above could be considered an administrative cost. However, for simplicity and to follow consistent practice on legislation of this type, it is included on the fiscal note.

Other assumptions:

This bill provides for the Game and Fish Commission (Commission) to establish, by rule, resident and nonresident application fees not to exceed \$20.00 and \$75.00, respectively. This bill also allows for a single application fee for multiple hunting licenses purchased at the same time rather than a single application fee for each hunting license. The current application fees for residents and nonresidents are \$5.00 and \$15.00 per license, respectively.

The estimated revenue increase or decrease in the form of application fees is indeterminable due to the unknown number hunting licenses purchased at the same time and any potential changes in application fees established by the Commission.

The Game and Fish Department indicates that if there are no changes to the application fees, the same number of hunting licenses from 2024 are purchased by residents (59,063) and nonresidents (70,203), and hunters maximize the number of licenses purchased in a single transaction, an estimated annual revenue decrease of \$993,480 to the Game and Fish Fund would occur, \$527,070 from resident application fees and \$466,410 in nonresident application fees.

However, the Game and Fish Department indicates that if the Commission increases the application fees for residents and nonresidents to \$14.00 and \$22.00, respectively, any potential revenue decrease to the Game and Fish Fund from hunters maximizing the number of licenses purchased in a single transaction would be offset by a corresponding increase in application fees.

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