

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2005

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1277 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Clarify Hunter Safety.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Faison

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
REVENUES:					
General Fund	No General Fund Impact				
Wildlife Resources Commission	(\$500)	(\$525)	(\$551)	(\$578)	(\$607)
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Wildlife Resources Commission					
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005					

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill amends the licensure and education requirements for persons under sixteen years of age and lowers the fee from \$10 to \$5 for each special hunt for participants in the Disabled Sportsman Program.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The Wildlife Resources Commission provides a special hunting program that allows eligible disabled individuals to participate in hunting and fishing activities adapted to the needs of persons with physical disabilities. Each participant is charged a \$10 fee for each special hunt. This bill would lower the application fee to \$5. The chart below indicates the fiscal impact of lowering this fee based on the last four years of applications for special hunts.

Year	Number of Applications	Revenue at \$10	Revenue at \$5	Fiscal Impact from Fee Change
2002	87	\$870	\$435	(\$435)
2003	102	\$1,020	\$510	(\$510)
2004	111	\$1,110	\$555	(\$555)
2005	99	\$990	\$495	(\$495)

Assuming an average of 100 applications per year, the anticipated revenue loss from this bill is \$500 per year. Revenue losses for future years are based on a 5% annual increase in applications. The projected revenue loss is shown in the chart below:

Year	Fiscal Impact from Fee Change
2006	(\$500)
2007	(\$525)
2008	(\$551)
2009	(\$578)
2010	(\$607)

Revenues from the sale of licenses and applications are deposited into a special fund within the Wildlife Resources Commission. This bill will not have a General Fund impact.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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