## SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1452 **PRINTER NO.** 3015

AMOUNT FUND

No Fiscal Impact General Fund \$30,000-\$35,000 Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED PRIME SPONSOR

July 16, 2015 Representative Gillespie

## DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1452 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to provide for a discounted hunting license for volunteer Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) instructors.

The bill creates a volunteer instructor license for residents of the Commonwealth who are certified by the Game Commission (Commission) as qualified to teach any of the hunter or trapper education curriculum offered by the Commission. This shall not apply to full-time employees of the Commission.

The volunteer instructor license shall cost \$1. Approximately 2,400 HTE instructors conduct hunter and trapper education classes annually to more than 41,000 students.

The legislation provides for the mentored youth hunting program by expanding the ages eligible to participate from 17 years of age or older to 12 years of age or older.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission estimates that enactment of this legislation could result in the loss of approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 to the Game Fund per year.