



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 92

PRINTER'S NO: 1705

PRIME SPONSOR: Staback

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue Increase/(Decrease):		
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 92 amends Title 34 (Game) creating a \$0.70 fee for the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service (PALS) computerized licensing system. The bill also stipulates that the fee shall not exceed one dollar (\$1).

This legislation shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 92 adds a new transaction fee to be charged on each hunting license purchased through the PALS. Under the current contract, the cost per transaction is 70 cents. The bill places a cap on this fee at \$1 per transaction. The transaction fee is to be paid to the vendor of the computerized system and is to cover the actual cost per transaction. The fee is set through contractual negotiations between the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the vendor, and the Office of Administration.

Presently, there is no fee for use of the new system. As a result, the Game Commission has been absorbing the cost. Once the PALS system is fully operational, that cost is estimated to be over \$2 million annually; however, House Bill 92 is revenue neutral. Revenues generated as a result of the adoption of this legislation are paid directly to the vendor to cover the operating costs related to the PALS. Therefore, there are no costs or revenue to the Game Commission.

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