



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 95

PRINTER'S NO: 87 PRIME SPONSOR: Staback

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue Increase/(Decrease):		
Fish Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 95 amends Title 30 (Fish) reducing the active duty requirement from 180 to 60 days within the previous 24 months, for members of the PA Army National Guard, Air National Guard or reserve component of the U.S. armed forces reserve from 180 to 60 days within the previous 24 months in order to qualify for the Pennsylvania National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve Fishing License.

This legislation shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

A resident fishing license for individuals ages 16-64 costs \$22.70 for the 2008-2009 license year. The Pennsylvania National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve Fishing License is offered at a reduced price to eligible individuals of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Armed Forces Reserve. The reduced price is \$2.70 for the 2008-2009 license year.

Adoption of this legislation could result in a loss of revenue dependent on the number of individuals that will now be eligible for the Pennsylvania National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve Fishing License at the reduced price. For example, a licensee that had been paying \$22.70 for a resident fishing license and is now eligible for the \$2.70 military license, would result in twenty dollars (\$20) of lost revenue.

According to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) website, 726 resident Guard/Reserve licenses were sold in 2007. The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs estimates that 6,000 members of the PA National Guard (Army and Air) will be deployed in the upcoming months. Based on this data, the PFBC expects about 125 additional Pennsylvania National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve Fishing Licenses will be sold at the reduced price. This would result in a \$2,500 loss of revenue to the Fish Fund.

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