



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2273

PRINTER'S NO: 3371

PRIME SPONSOR: Haluska

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Increase Restricted Revenue:		
Cervidae Livestock Operation Account	\$0	\$171,000

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2273 amends Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to establish a \$150 fee for the application or renewal of a license to operate a cervidae livestock operation and creates a new restricted revenue account.

The bill takes effect 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS:

With effective date 60 days after enactment, it is estimated that the bill will generate new State revenue in fiscal year 2010 in amount of \$171,000 and hence every two years. The estimate is based on the collecting this two year \$150 license fee from the current 1,140 licensed operations which currently pay no fee.

The bill restricts use of this revenue to pay the Department of Agriculture's expenses for administering the chapter under which this program had been established. There is specific language in the proposed legislation that forbids transferring dollars in the account to the State General Fund.

Title 3, Subchapter G.1, Cervidae Livestock Operations was added December 9, 2002, P.L.1495, No.190 to give the Department of Agriculture the responsibility for licensing cervidae livestock operations which was previously a function of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. No fee was set up at that time. Current law defines cervidae to include deer, elk, moose, reindeer, caribou and hybrids of these animals owned and maintained by a licensee as well as the germ plasm, embryos and fertile ova of these animals. In Pennsylvania, these operations are deer farms.

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