



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 1200

PRINTER'S NO: 1605

PRIME SPONSOR: Alloway

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
Game Fund	Minimal	Minimal
Fish Fund	Minimal	Minimal

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 1200 authorizes the Governor, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The participating states reciprocally recognize and enforce violations related to wildlife, including the suspension of wildlife license privileges of a person suspended in a participating state. It allows the home state to recognize and treat convictions of its residents which occurred in a participating state as though they occurred in the home state.

The bill requires the Game Commission to report to other compact states and recognize suspensions for the following offenses:

- Hunting or furtaking while on revocation.
- Unlawful use of lights.
- Buying and selling game.
- Hunting or furtaking under the influence.
- Shooting at or causing injury to a human.
- Counterfeiting, alteration or forging a license or tag.
- Threatened or endangered species violations.
- Assault/interference or bodily injury to a wildlife conservation officer.
- Illegal taking or possession of big game in closed season.
- Accumulated wildlife offenses for summary offenses, misdemeanors and felonies committed within a 24-month period.

The bill requires the Fish & Boat Commission to report to other compact states and recognize suspensions for the following offenses:

- Assault on or interference with a conservation officer.
- Repeat offenders for summary offenses, misdemeanors, and felonies committed within a 12-month period.
- Fishing while under suspension or revocation.
- Illegal taking of fish or theft of fish from state hatcheries, nursery waters, or refuge areas.
- Illegal sale of commercialization of fish, reptiles or aquatic organisms.
- Illegal use of explosives or chemicals to take fish.
- Offenses relating to endangered or threatened species.

This act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

Enactment of this legislation is expected to have minimal costs to the Commonwealth. According to the Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission, the responsibilities of the Commission associated with joining the Compact can be handled in-house by existing employees.

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