



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 0274

PRINTERS NO. 0250

PRIME SPONSOR: Alloway

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	see fiscal impact

SUMMARY: This legislation amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to give the Pennsylvania Game Commission the authority to set regulations that allow the transfer of certain tags or permits from a licensed mentor hunter to a youth hunter participating in the Mentored Youth Hunting Program. This legislation also lowers the minimum age to be issued a falconry permit and modifies the fee structure for obtaining falconry permits.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 274 amends Title 34 by adding new language to Section 2711 (relating to unlawful acts concerning licenses). This new language gives the Pennsylvania Game Commission the authority to make regulation changes that will exempt youth hunters from certain license requirements when participating in a mentored youth hunting program. This will allow a licensed hunter with an antlerless deer permit to transfer the permit to a youth hunter. An exemption shall include a provision that limits a mentored youth hunter from receiving more than one antlerless deer license per season.

Senate Bill 274 also amends Section 2925 (relating to falconry permits) to bring state law into compliance with Federal regulations. The minimum age for a Pennsylvania resident to be issued a falconry permit is lowered from 16 to 12 years of age. In addition, the fee structure for annual falconry permits is changed from \$25 per each raptor to a flat fee of \$50, regardless of the number of raptors held.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Game Commission expects a small increase in Game Fund revenue of \$300 to \$500 from the enactment of this legislation.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.