



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

PRINTERS NO. 225

PRIME SPONSOR: Mullery

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2015/16 | FY 2016/17 |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Game Fund | See fiscal impact | See fiscal impact |

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to provide that antlerless deer licenses be issued by the PA Game Commission or authorized issuing agents through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System (PALS), instead of being only available through application to county treasurers.

ANALYSIS: HB 231 amends the Game Code Section 2722 (relating to Authorized license-issuing agents) to provide that antlerless deer licenses shall be issued only by the Game Commission or authorized license-issuing agents designated by the executive director of the commission, and shall be available through the PALS system.

Under this change, county treasurers will still remain licensing agents, but will no longer be the sole distributor of antlerless licenses.

Effective date: 60 days

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. According to the Game Commission, if enacted, the Game Commission could see a savings to the Game Fund of approximately \$109,000 per year on the cost of producing, shipping and distributing the forms and envelopes associated with the current paper system in place for antlerless deer license applications. Enactment of this legislation could reduce issuing agent fees that are going to county treasurers, as treasurers currently receive \$1 for each license they process.

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