



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

PRINTERS NO. 2458

PRIME SPONSOR: Marshall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game Code) to allow for the use of a motorized wheelchair by permanently disabled hunters, and provides permits for individuals with disabilities.

ANALYSIS: HB 698 amends Section 2308 (a) (7) (relating to unlawful devices and methods) of Title 34 to provide that the subsection shall not pertain to a motorized wheelchair if the person has been issued a permit to hunt under Section 2923 (a.1.) (relating to disabled person permits - use of a motorized wheelchair).

The legislation also creates a new permit under Section 2923 (a.1.) for "Use of motorized wheelchair." This subsection provides for a lifetime permit to hunt from a motorized wheelchair outside of a vehicle for properly licensed hunters with a permanent or irreversible physical disability who are unable to ambulate and require a wheelchair, walker, one leg brace or external prosthesis above the knee, two leg braces or external prostheses below the knees, two crutches or two canes for mobility. Permittees must carry the permit upon their person while hunting, may use the motorized wheelchair to flush or locate game, and may carry a loaded firearm while the wheelchair is in motion.

Effective date: 60 days

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: October 27, 2015

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