



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

PRINTERS NO. 2042

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillespie

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 for a discounted hunting license for volunteer Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) instructors.

ANALYSIS:

HB 1452 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) Section 2706 (relating to resident license fees and exemptions) by adding a new subsection (h) to create a volunteer instructor license, which shall be issued by the commission to individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and are certified by the commission as qualified to teach any of the hunter or trapper education curriculums offered by the commission. This does not apply to any full-time employee of the commission.

The PA Game Commission relies solely on volunteer service for HTE instructors. These volunteer instructors are charged with educating the next generation of hunters in PA in rules, regulations, and safety. In 2014 alone, approximately 2,400 HTE instructors logged more than 35,000 hours, and over 41,000 students were certified through the program.

Effective date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Game Commission, if this legislation would be enacted, the Game Fund could lose approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year. Per the Game Commission's 2015 Annual Report, the total Game Fund revenue received in FY2014-15 was \$101.6 million.

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