



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1409

PRINTERS NO. 3001

PRIME SPONSOR: Wentling

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to provide licensing discounts and exemptions for nonresident disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

ANALYSIS: HB 1409 amends Title 34 Section 2706 (license and fee exemptions) to allow qualified nonresident disabled veterans and former prisoners of war to receive the same licensing discounts and exemptions currently given to resident disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

The bill also amends Section 2709 (license costs and fees) to add qualified nonresident disabled veterans and former prisoners of war. The costs for nonresidents will be the same as the current costs for residents:

- For former prisoners of war, the cost is \$1 plus issuing agent and transaction fees;
- For veterans considered 60% to 90% disabled by the Veterans Administration, the cost is \$1 plus issuing agent and transaction fees;
- For veterans considered 100% disabled by the Veterans Administration, there is no cost aside from the issuing agent and transaction fees;

The issuing agent fee is currently \$1, and the transaction fee is currently 90 cents.

This bill also includes a prohibition that the holder of a permit-exempt license may not be required to obtain a permit to hunt a species that the holder of the permit-exempt license was allowed to hunt without a permit prior to July 1, 2017.

Effective date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: The actual impact of this legislation to the Game Fund, if enacted, is unknown. However, according to the Game Commission, the impact would be minimal. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, less than 600 resident licenses were sold to disabled veterans and former prisoners of war. The number of licenses that would be sold to nonresident disabled veterans and former prisoners of war is expected to be less.

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