



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1122

PRINTERS NO. 2657

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillespie

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
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 instructors.

ANALYSIS: HB 1122 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 PA Game Commission (PGC) to individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and are certified by PGC as qualified to teach any of the hunter or trapper education curriculums offered by PGC. This does not apply to any full-time PGC employees.

The bill also amends Section 2709 (relating to license costs and fees) to provide that the fee for a volunteer instructor license shall be \$1 plus issuing agents fee, which is currently \$1.

Additionally, the bill amends Section 301 (relating to organization of the commission) to create a new Commission district to be known as District 9. The new District 9 will include the counties of Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Berks, Northampton and Lehigh, with Carbon and Monroe moving from the former District 7, and Schuylkill, Berks, Northampton and Lehigh moving from the former District 8. District 7 will retain the counties of Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike. District 8 will retain the counties of Chester, Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia and Delaware.

Effective date: 60 days for amendments to Section 2706 licensing; immediately for the changes to the makeup of the Board of Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Game Commission, if this legislation would be enacted, the Game Fund could lose approximately \$32,776 annually. Per the Game Commission's 2020 Annual Report, the total Game Fund revenue received in FY2019-20 was \$156.9 million.

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