



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 431

PRINTERS NO. 451

PRIME SPONSOR: Laughlin

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
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 (PGC) or authorized issuing agents through the PA Automated Licensing Service (PALS), instead of being only available through application to county treasurers.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 431 amends the Game Code Section 2722 (relating to Authorized license-issuing agents) to provide that antlerless deer licenses shall be issued only by the PGC or authorized license-issuing agents designated by the executive director of the commission, and shall be available through PALS, including online.

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

Effective date: 60 days

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The enactment of this legislation would save the PGC approximately \$170,000 annually in administrative costs. Additionally, each antlerless deer license sold directly by the PGC would save them a \$1 sales commission associated with PALS.

Currently, only county treasurers can sell antlerless deer licenses, and in 2021 they sold 928,419. This legislation would not change their ability to sell antlerless deer licenses, but would open the sale of those licenses to the PGC's 700 plus authorized license-issuing agents. County treasurers may see a reduction in the number of antlerless deer licenses they process and the associated \$1 sales commission per license.

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