

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 302

PRINTER'S NO.

301

AMOUNT

\$450 to \$900 decreased
revenue annually

FUND

Game

DATE INTRODUCED

Feb. 20, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to GAME & FISHERIES, Feb. 20, 2009
Reported as committed, April 29, 2009
First consideration, April 29, 2009
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009
Re-reported as committed, June 8, 2009

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 302 changes the eligibility requirements for reduced fees for hunting licenses from 180 days of active deployment to 60 days within the previous 24 month period for the members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Air National Guard, or Reservists. The fees are reduced from the current full license fee of \$19 to \$1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Game Commission is unable to estimate the impact of the more liberal eligibility provision for these persons. However, it could be assumed that the Game Commission's experience may be similar to the Fish Commission's estimate for similar provisions in SB 301. The Fish Commission estimates about 25 - 50 additional persons who may be eligible and take advantage of the reduced fee.

Reducing the hunting license fee to \$1 would reduce revenue by \$18 per person. Therefore, the reduced fee could result in decreased revenue to the Game Fund of \$450 to \$900.