

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.**

Senate Bill 535

**PRINTER'S NO.**

542

**AMOUNT**Possible Increase/Decrease in  
Revenue to Game Fund**FUND**

Game

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 2, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Fontana

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to GAME &amp; FISHERIES, March 2, 2009

Reported as committed, April 29, 2009

First consideration, April 29, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 4, 2009

Re-reported as committed, July 28, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 535 allows the Game Commission to promulgate regulations to establish an adult mentoring hunting program. The adult would be charged a reduced hunting license fee of \$9 for one season, rather than the current license fee of \$19. This would allow the hunter to incur less fee expense, thus possibly encouraging the decision to continue his participation in this sport.

The Game Commission is unable to estimate how many persons will take advantage of the reduced fee and try hunting for one season.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the new adult mentoring hunting program attracts previously non-hunting persons who would not have tried hunting at the full license fee but would at the reduced fee for one season, this would increase revenue to the Game Fund by \$9 per person during one season.

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If the new adult mentoring hunting program attracts previously non-hunting persons who would have paid the full license fee without the mentoring program's reduced fee, this would have the effect of decreasing the amount of revenue to the Game Fund (the difference between the full license fee and the reduced license fee) for those persons.

Should any persons who participate in the new adult mentoring hunting program continue to pursue the sport of hunting, additional revenue would be experienced in subsequent years at the full license fee amount per person.