

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 1200

PRINTER'S NO.

1605

AMOUNT

Minimal fiscal impact to the Commonwealth

FUND

Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 21, 2010

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Alloway

HISTORY OF BILLReferred to GAME AND FISHERIES, Jan. 21, 2010Reported as committed, Jan. 26, 2010

First consideration, Jan. 26, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 8, 2010Re-reported as committed, March 15, 2010**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

This bill authorizes the Governor, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The participating states reciprocally recognize and enforce violations related to wildlife, including the suspension of wildlife license privileges of a person suspended in a participating state. It allows the home state to recognize and treat convictions of its residents which occurred in a participating state as though they occurred in the home state.

The bill requires the Game Commission to report to other compact states and recognize suspensions for the following offenses:

1. Hunting or furtaking while on revocation.
2. Unlawful use of lights.
3. Buying and selling game.
4. Hunting or furtaking under the influence.
5. Shooting at or causing injury to a human.
6. Counterfeiting, alteration or forging a license or tag.
7. Threatened or endangered species violations.
8. Assault/interference or bodily injury to a wildlife conservation officer.
9. Illegal taking or possession of big game in closed season.
10. Accumulated wildlife offenses for summary offenses, misdemeanors and felonies committed within a 24-month period.

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The bill requires the Fish & Boat Commission to report to other compact states and recognize suspensions for the following offenses:

1. Assault on or interference with a conservation officer.
2. Repeat offenders for summary offenses, misdemeanors, and felonies committed within a 12-month period.
3. Fishing while under suspension or revocation.
4. Illegal taking of fish or theft of fish from state hatcheries, nursery waters, or refuge areas.
5. Illegal sale or commercialization of fish, reptiles or aquatic organisms.
6. Illegal use of explosives or chemicals to take fish.
7. Offenses relating to endangered or threatened species.

The bill is effective immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal costs for Compact membership are anticipated by the Game Commission and the Fish & Boat Commission. Both agencies have indicated that the workload associated with joining the Compact can be handled in-house by existing employees.