

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1237

PRINTER'S NO. 1356

AMOUNT

(\$6,732 - \$13,464)
Decrease in Revenue

FUND

Game

DATE INTRODUCED

March 31, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative J. Evans

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 31, 2011
Reported as committed, May 25, 2011
First consideration, May 25, 2011
Laid on the table, May 25, 2011
Removed from table, June 26, 2011
Laid on the table, June 26, 2011
Removed from table, Sept. 27, 2011
Second consideration, Sept. 28, 2011
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Sept. 28, 2011
Re-reported as committed, Oct. 3, 2011
Third consideration and final passage, Oct. 3, 2011 (199-0)
In the Senate
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, Oct. 11, 2011
Reported as committed, March 28, 2012
First consideration, March 28, 2012
Laid on the table, May 2, 2012
Removed from table, May 21, 2012
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 21, 2012
Re-reported as committed, May 22, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1237 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.

This Act takes effect immediately.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

By allowing more persons to be eligible for the reduced hunting license fee and the possible increase in the number of persons taking advantage of the reduced fee, the Game Commission will experience a reduced level of licensing fee revenue from the enactment of House Bill 1237's provisions. The exact amount of the revenue decrease cannot be determined because the increased number of people that will take advantage of the reduced fees cannot be accurately anticipated.

However, the Game Commission granted reduced fee licenses to 374 individuals in the most recent license period, under the current 180-day active deployment eligibility requirement. This resulted in decreased revenue of \$6,732. Should the change in eligibility from 180 to 60 days of active deployment double the number of persons taking advantage of the reduced fee license, the decrease in revenue to the Game Fund would double from \$6,732 to \$13,464. If the change in eligibility triples the number of persons purchasing a reduced fee license, then the decrease in revenue could triple to \$20,196.