

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1049

PRINTER'S NO. 1717

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Fish

DATE INTRODUCED

May 6, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Kasunic

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 6, 2011

Reported as amended, Oct. 25, 2011

First consideration, Oct. 25, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Dec. 7, 2011

Re-reported as committed, Jan. 17, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1049 allows the Fish and Boat Commission to issue licenses and permits that cover multiple years, or cover a group of individuals who meet criteria established by the Commission. The total cost of the multi-year or the group license or permit may not exceed what the total of the individual licenses would have cost for each individual year or for each individual in the group. The bill also allows the Commission to issue licenses or permits at a fee less than the current applicable fee for marketing and promotional purposes as set forth in guidelines established by the Commission.

The bill specifies that violation of the regulations promulgated by the Commission governing these provisions is a third degree summary offense.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fish and Boat Commission expects no negative fiscal impact to result from the provisions in the bill. The ability to issue multi-year licenses is anticipated to have the positive effect of stabilizing their license sales over each of the consecutive years covered by the license. Their data shows that currently, only 10% of annual license buyers purchase a license each year over five consecutive years. Also, the ability to issue multi-year licenses will have the effect of stabilizing the Commission's ability to draw down Federal dollars in each of those years, given that eligibility for the Federal money is based on licenses sold for each of those years. The Commission does not foresee offering promotional discounts for licenses until it is able to accurately project a positive return to the Commission from such an offering.