

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 623

PRINTER'S NO. 599

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 6, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Corman

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 6, 2013

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First consideration, March 12, 2013

Second consideration, March 13, 2013

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 13, 2013

Re-reported as committed, March 18, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 623 amends the Game Code to expand the current mentored youth hunting program to all persons, regardless of age. Currently, the law limits participation to youth in the Game Commission's mentored hunting program. The bill removes the word, "youth," from the mentored hunting provisions in the law.

Expansion of the mentored hunting program to allow adult participation is intended to promote a better understanding and interest in hunting and wildlife conservation, as well as introduce and reinforce hunting safety principles.

This act will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Game Commission does not anticipate any increased costs to be incurred from the passage of this legislation. The Commission will merely expand the existing mentored youth hunting program and promulgate the necessary regulations to allow adult participation. The Game Commission would likely experience increased revenue as some of the mentored adult participants decide to become hunting license buyers, but that amount of revenue is not quantifiable and cannot be estimated.