

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 485

PRINTER NO. 514

AMOUNT

Minimal Revenue Increase

FUND

Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 485 amends Title 34 (Game) to amend who may issue antlerless deer licenses.

This legislation would allow for the Pennsylvania Game Commission (commission) or authorized license-issuing agents to be issuers of the antlerless deer license through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service.

Currently, only county treasurers or those whose duties are similar in a home rule or optional plan county are eligible to issue the antlerless deer license.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation will result in a minimal revenue increase to the Game Fund. Currently, only county treasurers or those whose duties are similar in a home rule or optional plan county are eligible issuers of the antlerless deer license. Statute provides for up to \$1 sales commissions associated with the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service. County Treasurers sold 824,350 antlerless deer licenses in 2018. This legislation would open up the sale of those licenses to the commission's 700 plus authorized license-issuing agents. While the commission does not believe that it will account for a large percentage of licenses sold, any licenses sold directly by the commission will result in savings due to the \$1 sales commission not being owed for the use of PA Automated Licensing Service.