

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1122

PRINTER NO. 1170

AMOUNT

\$32,776 Revenue Loss

FUND

Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 7, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Gillespie

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1122 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) Section 2706 (relating to resident license fees and exemptions) by adding a new subsection (h) to create a volunteer instructor license, which shall be issued by the Game Commission (commission) to individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and are certified by the commission as qualified to teach any of the hunter or trapper education curriculums offered by the commission. This shall not apply to full-time employees of the commission.

The bill also amends Section 2709 (relating to license costs and fees) to provide that the fee for a volunteer instructor license shall cost \$1 plus issuing agents fee, which is currently \$1. Approximately 1,800 HTE instructors conduct hunter and trapper education classes annually to more than 41,000 students.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently there are approximately 1,800 HTE instructors: 1,090 adult residents and 710 who hold senior resident annual licenses. It is the commission’s estimate that enactment of this legislation could result in the loss of approximately \$32,776 to the Game Fund per year.

Type of General Hunting Licenses	Age	Cost
Resident (annual)	17-64	\$20.97
Senior Resident (annual)	65 and up	\$13.97
Senior Resident (lifetime)	65 and up	\$51.97
Senior Resident Combination (lifetime)	65 and up	\$101.97