

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 431

PRINTER NO. 451

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Game Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 18, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 431 amends Title 34 (Game) to amend who may issue antlerless deer licenses.

This legislation provides for the Pennsylvania Game Commission (commission) or authorized license-issuing agents to be issuers of antlerless deer licenses through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service. County Treasurers will continue to be authorized license-issuing agents.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation could 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 antlerless deer licenses. Statute provides for up to \$1 sales commissions associated with the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service. County Treasurers sold 924,828 antlerless deer licenses in 2020. 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 it will account for a large percentage of licenses sold, any licenses sold directly by the commission will result in additional revenue due to the \$1 sales commission not being owed for the use of automated licensing service.

In addition, the commission will realize a reduction in administrative costs of approximately \$170,000.