

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 146

**PRINTER NO.** 120

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Fish Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 19, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Brewster

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 146 amends Title 30 (Fish) to create a specific license exemption for participants in organized therapeutic fishing activities.

Currently, the Fish and Boat Commission has the authority to award free license exemptions to participants for special activities; however, no specific free exemption is given out for therapeutic activities. Senate Bill 146 provides for an exemption from fishing license requirements for therapeutic recreation programs, including the Wounded Warriors Project and other similar fishing event programs.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Fish and Boat Commission, enactment of this legislation will have a minimal fiscal impact on the Fish Fund.

For each 100 resident annual license exemptions granted for therapeutic activities, the Fish Fund will lose \$3,900 of revenue. During Fiscal Year 2018-19 (the most recent full fiscal year before the COVID-19 pandemic), the Fish and Boat Commission received \$25.3 million from license and fee revenue.