

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB133

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Cox

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Establishment of a nonresident youth hunting license

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill establishes license fees for nonresident youth who wish to hunt in Virginia. Currently, there is no distinction by age for the various nonresident-hunting licenses. Under this bill the basic nonresident hunting license would be \$12 for nonresident youth under 12, \$15 for nonresidents between the ages of 12 to 15, and would remain at \$80 for nonresidents 16 or older. The cost of the youth resident combination license, which allows residents under the age of 16 to hunt (i) bear, deer and turkey, (ii) with a bow and arrow during special archery season, and (iii) with a muzzleloader during muzzleloading season, is \$15. For a nonresident under 16, the cost of this license would be \$30. Finally, the fee for the big game license for a nonresident, which is \$12 for a resident older than 16 and \$7.50 for a resident under 16, would be \$15 for a nonresident 12 to 15, and \$12 for a nonresident under 12, and would remain \$60 for a nonresident 16 or older.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are not available:** SEE ITEM 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill is expected to result in a minimal loss of revenue for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Nonresidents under the age of 16 would no longer have to pay \$80 for a state nonresident license fee and instead would pay \$15 if 12 to 15 years of age or \$12 if under the age of 12. For a combination hunting license a nonresident under the age of 16 would pay \$30 instead of having to pay the separate non-resident fees for big game (bear, deer and turkey), hunting with a bow and arrow and muzzleloading (these three nonresident licenses would cost \$110 in total). Finally, the state nonresident license for big game would be reduced from \$60 to \$15 for youth from the ages of 12 to 15 and \$12 for those under the age of 12.

Considering that few nonresident hunting licenses are actually sold, the revenue loss would be minimal. Many nonresident youths hunt on the property of their parents or grandparents and are exempt from having to purchase a hunting license. One effect from lowering the costs of nonresident hunting licenses fees for youth may be higher sales since the cost for nonresident youth to hunt would be much lower.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources