

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB991

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

2. Patron: Cline

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident disabled veterans.

5. Summary: This substitute bill allows nonresident veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase licenses to hunt or fish at a cost equal to one-quarter the fee for the state nonresident hunting or fishing license. Currently, no discount is given for nonresident disabled veterans.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact: N/A.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	n/a	n/a
2015	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund
2016	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund
2017	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund
2018	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund
2019	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund
2020	(\$42,186)	Game Protection Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is anticipated to have a revenue impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The bill provides that any nonresident veteran who is totally and permanently disabled may purchase a nonresident hunting license and/or a nonresident fishing license at a 75 percent discount. The department estimates that there are approximately 356 nonresident disabled veterans that may take advantage of these discounted special licenses. Currently, the fee for a nonresident hunting license is \$111 and the fee for a nonresident fishing license is \$47. Assuming that 356 nonresident disabled veterans take advantage of both discounted licenses, the department estimates that revenues

will be reduced by approximately \$42,186 annually. It is anticipated that this revenue loss can be absorbed within the agency's current resources. See other comments, below.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: At the end of FY 2013, the available cash balance in the Game Protection Fund totaled \$28.9 million, an increase of 8 percent over the balance at the end of FY 2012. In addition to the revenue collected from hunting and fishing licenses, the Game Protection Fund is also supported from general fund transfers related to watercraft sales and use tax revenue and hunting, fishing, and wildlife equipment revenue. HB30/SB30 includes an additional \$4.6 million to be transferred to the Game Protection Fund for increased watercraft sales and use tax revenue and hunting, fishing, and wildlife equipment revenue. The total amount to be transferred to the Game Protection Fund is \$18.9 million in both FY 2015 and FY 2016.