

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB147

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

2. Patron: Puckett, P. P.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunting of bears; allows training of dogs to hunt bears to occur during day or night.

5. Summary: This bill alters the restrictions on times for hunting bears during bear hound training season. The engrossed version of the bill permits hunting of bears from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Currently, the hunting of bears during bear hound training season is limited to one-half hour before sunrise until four and one-half hours after sunset.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that this bill will have minimal to no impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. According to the agency, the bill may require the shifting of staffing patterns of conservation police officers, but any fiscal impact is likely to be absorbed by the agency.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB95 as engrossed by the House.

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