

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB145

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Stuart

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:**            Special fox hunting license.

**5. Summary:** This bill establishes a special \$10 license for hunting foxes with hounds but without firearms. The license exempts the licensee from the requirement that he complete a hunter education program.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:** None.

**7b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	N/A	N/A
2015	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special
2016	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special
2017	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special
2018	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special
2019	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special
2020	(\$104,640)	Dedicated Special

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill will reduce revenue to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Currently, mounted fox hunters are required to purchase a resident hunting license (\$23) or a non-resident hunting license (\$111) to chase foxes with hounds while on horseback. Hunters training dogs in foxhound training preserves are required to either have a resident hunting license (\$23) or a nonresident foxhound training preserve license (\$18). The bill would allow all hunters chasing foxes without firearms to purchase a special license for \$10. According to DGIF, there are an estimated an estimated 5,000 mounted resident fox hunters, 3,000 resident hunters who use foxhound training preserves, and about 80 non-resident hunters who use foxhound training preserves. DGIF estimates a net loss of revenue in the amount of \$104,640. The revenue loss can likely to be absorbed within the agency's current cash reserves.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.