

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1272

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

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Hunting license; senior resident lifetime license for hunting bear, deer, and turkey.

5. Summary: This bill directs the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to provide a senior resident lifetime hunting license that shall include both a basic hunting license and a special bear, deer, and turkey license. The license shall be available only to a resident of the Commonwealth who is 80 years of age or older, shall cost \$200.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This fiscal impact anticipated as a result of this bill is indeterminate. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) indicates that the annual cost for an 80 year old resident to hunt deer, turkey, and bear is \$53. Thus, at \$200 as proposed in the bill, the Lifetime license would not be cost effective for an 80 year old resident until year four of the license.

The five year annual average of licensees that purchased a bear license at 80 years old or over is 198. DGIF anticipates that if those eligible customers were to purchase the \$200 lifetime license, the agency would experience a one-time increase of approximately \$40,000 in Lifetime license revenue, and an annual decline of approximately \$10,500 in Game Protection license revenue.

Alternatively, over the last five years, there was an average of 47 licensees whom purchased a bear license at 80 years old. Using the same basis as above to estimate an impact, DGIF anticipates an annual increase of approximately \$10,000 in Lifetime license revenue and an annual loss of approximately \$2,500 in Game Protection license revenue.

Overall, DGIF anticipates that the number of customers opting to buy the license provided in the bill will be much lower than assumed in the above estimates.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.