

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/16/2017

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1350

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$(12,500)		\$(12,500)
Expenditures				\$5,000		\$0
Appropriations				\$5,000		\$0

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The bill amends 3 sections of the NDCC relating to nonresident(NR) landowner deer hunting license fees for retired veterans: 1) adding language to clarify NR & not a retired veteran; 2) clarifying fee requirement; 3) no fee for NR landowner who is a retired veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The only section above that has a fiscal impact is the amendment to allow no fee to a NR landowner who is a retired veteran of the United States armed forces and who meets the requirements of subsection 3 of section 20.1-03-11. The fiscal impact depends on how many of our NR landowners are retired veterans.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

We currently sell around 250 NR landowner licenses per year. We do not know how many of them are retired veterans. If we estimate 10% of them are retired veterans, it would be a net loss of \$6,250 (25 x \$250) per year. (\$12,500/biennium)

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

ITD Programming costs are estimated at \$5,000

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Increase operating expenditures \$5,000

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Date Prepared: 01/20/2017

2017 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1350

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Coteau –A Room, State Capitol

HB 1350
2/3/2017
27873

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Kathleen Davis

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to waiving the nonresident landowner deer hunting license fee for retired veterans

Minutes:

Chairman Porter: Called the committee to order on HB 1350.

Rep. Maragos: This bill attempts for retired military veterans that own land in ND and travel a great distance to use their gratis license, just waives the out of state fee.

Chairman Porter: Testimony in support? Opposition?

Curt Deckert, Dickinson. I look at the fairness of things. I have the utmost respect for veterans, but to cherry pick individuals, such as veterans, and give them a free tag. It's a privilege to get a license to hunt our game, not a right. We should be held to the same standards to acquire those tags. Non-resident landowners are already given preference over long lived tax payers of the state, residents. They're assured of getting a license every year just by paying the \$250 license fee. We have veterans in the state that have lived their whole life here and do not get any preference. What about law enforcement, fire fighters, EMTs. I'm against this happening because we set a precedent and down the road. I live here I raise my family here and I get no special preference. It's a fairness issue. Where do you draw the line?

Chairman Porter: questions? Opposition? Mr. Anderson, Mr. Williams, who wants to come up and talk to me. Mr. Anderson, so everyone on the committee is clear, a non-resident landowner is guaranteed a tag except the difference is between a resident and non-resident landowner is the fee they pay. What is the license fee for the non-resident landowner?

Casey Anderson, Assistant Chief, ND Game and Fish: \$250, just like a non-resident who would apply in the lottery. You mentioned non-resident landowners are guaranteed a license. Not necessarily. Non-residents, which includes non-resident landowners only get allocated 1% of the licenses in each individual unit. The last few years when the deer licenses have been low, there have been some unit's non-resident landowners did not receive a license because there wasn't enough allocated in that 1% tile of the unit. 258 non-resident

landowners applied last year and 246 received a license. They get preference over anyone else that's a non-resident that's applying for that 1%, but not necessarily guaranteed a license.

Chairman Porter: inside of that 1%, what was the total number of deer licenses that were allocated last time?

Casey Anderson: 49,000 licenses, so 1% of that was allocated to non-residents. If you break it down by unit there's a 100 in this unit and 400 in this unit, so 1% gets broken into each one of those units.

Chairman Porter: So basically, there were 500 non-resident landowner tags available and of the 500, 246, or almost ½ of them went to the landowners and ½ went to non-landowners. So they're getting quite a preference already as a landowner.

Anderson: Yes.

Rep. Marschall: These licenses are just to hunt on their property only or area wide.

Casey Anderson: Yes they are. Just like a resident landowner, gratis license, you have to hunt on land they own.

Chairman Porter: or a direct relative's land. Not just their land. If I own a quarter, I'm a non-resident landowner, and I get a tag, but my brother owns the next quarter over, and my sister owns the next quarter, and Mom and Dad still own the 2 quarters to the south, I can hunt all of those based on our current gratis system.

Casey Anderson: Just the immediate family on those.

Chairman Porter: Thank you. Closed the hearing on HB 1350.

Rep. Keiser: I move a Do Not Pass.

Rep. Ruby: Second.

Chairman Porter We have a motion from Rep. Keiser, and a second from Rep. Ruby, both whom are veterans. Discussion? Clerk called the roll with results as follows:

Yes 14 No 0 Absent 0 Rep. Ruby is the carrier.

Date: 2-3-17

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1350

House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation

- Adopt Amendment
- Do Pass Do Not Pass
- As Amended
- Place on Consent Calendar
- Without Committee Recommendation
- Rerefer to Appropriations
- Reconsider

Other Actions _____

Motion Made By Rep. Keiser Seconded By Rep. Ruby

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	✓		Rep. Lefor	✓	
Vice Chairman Damschen	✓		Rep. Marschall	✓	
Rep. Anderson	✓		Rep. Roers Jones	✓	
Rep. Bosch	✓		Rep. Ruby	✓	
Rep. Devlin	✓		Rep. Seibel	✓	
Rep. Heinert	✓				
Rep. Keiser	✓		Rep. Mitskog	✓	
			Rep. Mock	✓	

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Ruby

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1350: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1350 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.