

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Amendment to: Engrossed
SB 2189

1A. **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.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$20,000		
Appropriations						

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

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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

This bill eliminates game and fish license fees for residents under age 18. These include: fishing, general game and habitat, small game, deer bow, deer gun, turkey, moose, elk, bighorn, crane, swan, and pronghorn licenses. It increases the cost of a habitat restoration stamp from \$10 to \$13.

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.*

Game and Fish license sales revenue from under 18 year olds would be reduced by about \$800,000 per biennium. \$200,000 in federal funding would be lost. The increase in the habitat stamp fee would offset this revenue loss, including the federal funds.

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.*

The \$200,000 per biennium of federal funds that would be lost comes from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment. This funding is allocated to North Dakota based on the number of paid license holders that we have. Youth under age 18 could not be counted because they do not pay \$3 or more for licenses.

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.*

Youth hunters would still have to get licenses and tags for lottery licenses, but these would be issued at no charge. There could be a higher demand for these licenses because no fee is charged. This would result in some additional costs for issuing licenses. There would also be costs for adjusting the licensing computer systems.

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 is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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