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HB 1272

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1272

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2--1--01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE	A		5100 TO 6253
TWO	A		00 TO 1501
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward P. Ellyson</i>			

Minutes:

1A:5100 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: We will open the hearing on HB 1272.

REPRESENTATIVE DEKREY: I have an amendment for this Bill. What it would do is set up two grate's. Please see attached printed testimony. We would be dealing with 1,000 acres.

The bill relates to gratis licenses to hunt deer. The farmer support the deer. They raise them.

The farmer for the most part raised all of that. They think as a very small token of appreciation the hunting should give them at least one hunting license.

This Bill keeps coming back every year.

Representative Mueller: What happens when someone living out of state but own one thousand acres. Can that individual come in and take advantage of the gratis license.

DEKRAY: They can under the current law.

If you own land in more then one unit, you have to choose the unit.

What I am trying to do is get a bill passed that will do some of what I want to do.

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CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions on HB 1272. Any more support.

LARRY SHEMHER?? Appeared in support of this Bill

I am sure game and fish has some reservations about it, but it is a good bill.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any more support for this Bill. Any opposition to this Bill.

ROGER ROSTVET: I am with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Printed testimony is attached Please see. Also amendments are attached to minutes.

THE GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT URGES A DO NOT PASS.

REPRESENTATIVE LEMIEUX: People think they own that deer our there on my land.

There is a lot of animosity out there. Roger, how many gratis licenses are granted in one year?

Roger: 10,650 and there are 80 to 90,000 deer licenses issued.

Rep. Lemieux: How many gratis licenses are granted to non farmers.

Roger: I'm not certain. Agricultural Statistics has some information but I don't know.

There are not very many people taking advantage of it.

Representative Mueller: Do you get a lot of complaints about twenty dollars. from land owners.

Roger: There is an issue about this Bill. It is all about the twenty bucks. That is really what it come down to in my opinion. We hear a lot from land owners, it is negative.

Representative Lemieux: Mr Chairman. If we excluded the highly desirable mule deer areas in the state, then there would be less objection from the sportsman about this.

Roger: The gratis license is good for the mule deer as well as others. There is a one to two year wait to get a white tail license etc.

Where ever you own land you can hunt. This bill would be more restrictive.

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REPRESENTATIVE SANDVIG: Is there a problem matter of cost as to these licenses.

Response: We issue those license now at no charge. There would be a fiscal note to this.

Right now a lot of the farmers are we are pretty flexible as to the way we issue gratis licenses.

Meaning that people can go through the regular lotteries and if they don't get a license they can come back later. If they are unsuccessful in the lottery, we hold licenses back and then issue them as gratis. I think the fiscal note is around \$300,000.00 per biennium.

1A:1423 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any one else offering testimony on this Bill. Any other opposition to this Bill.

WE WILL CLOSE THE HEARING ON HB 1272.

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Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2--1--01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
TWO	A		3000 TO 4989
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Elger</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Committee Members we will open on HB 1272.

Representative Froehlich: Any time we can help the farmer out there, I will go for it all the way.

Rep. Brandenburg: The fish and game says we may have a loss of money here. But, The licenses that are being issued out. Are they going to issue more licenses or cut back. What are they doing? There is no shortage of deer.

Representative DeKrey: I have some hopes that in the Agr. Committee that you will put an amendment to it and it will go to the floor with a DO PASS.

REPRESENTATIVE ONSTAD: The Game and Fish put a \$300.00 dollar value on a deer that is hit by an automobile. Where do they get that value?

Representative DeKray: We have to get the message out there that there are a lot of deer out there. The deer are going to die out there. Then we hit them with our plows.

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Mr. Chairman, I move for a DO PASS ON THE AMENDMENTS.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: I will entertain a motion for a DO PASS WITH THE
AMENDMENTS. The clerk took the Roll. *****12 YES*****2 NO*****1 ABSENT
REPRESENTATIVE SANDVIG WILL CARRY HB 1272.

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House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 15, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		1966 to 2704
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Elphox</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Nicholas: Rep. Froelich is handing out his amendment for HB 1272.

Rep. Froelich: This amendment here is actually Rep. DeKrey' amendment. This would take the fiscal note out of it. Basically what this does is says if you want that right, you will pay that fee requirement for residents big game license. There will no longer a fiscal note attached to this. It would be revenue neutral. I think it is self explanatory.

Rep. Renner: The 1000 acre requirement. Since they are going to have to pay the \$20 for the license anyway and I think there are a lot of legitimate farmers out there that we could make happy. I think there are a lot of people who own 1/2 or 1/4 sections who are deserving of this treatment as much as someone with a 1000 acres. I hate to put an acreage thing into it, because we are going to make some people mad. If we didn't put that in there, would it be anyone who owns a 1/4 or 1/2, what is the gratis now.

Rep. Froelich: 160 acres. That was moved to amend the amendment to strike that language and let it be, same as the other gratis license.

Chairman Nicholas: Is there a second? Second by Rep. Renner. All those in favor of the amendments signify by saying aye. All opposed? Motion is carried. The chair will entertain an motion on Rep. Froelichs amendments.

Rep. Froelich: I move.

Rep. Lemieux: I second.

Chairman Nicholas: All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Okay we have HB 1272 with amendments. The chair will entertain a motion on 1272 as amended.

Rep. Wrangham: I move a Do Pass.

Rep. Froelich: I second.

Chairman Nicholas: Any discussion? What this is going to do is give us two classes of gratis licenses. It is going to give us one class which is free and another class where the farmers apply for and pay \$20 and be assured of getting a license.

_____ : They pay for the license but they can hunt the entire unit on which their property is located.

Chairman Nicholas: That is correct.

_____ : Is that the majority of the property ownership or anywhere, you make the choice?

Chairman Nicholas: No, he can hunt the whole unit. He will be able to get a license now. As a landowner he is automatically qualified. He can pay the \$20 and hunt the whole unit, including his own where he can get the gratis license for.

_____ ; Let's say his land is in two different units. Right on the boundary. Does he has the choose the unit? Does it go with where he owns the most land? Or can he pick a unit?

Chairman Nicholas: It goes with the unit he picks.

Rep. Mueller: What I think we are doing on HB 1272 is we are doing two things. We are serving the guy the license which is a gratis situation currently. And we are also assuring him either a buck or a doe in that unit.

Chairman Nicholas: Any other discussion? The question has been called. Clerk will take the roll.

Rep. Lemieux: Can I ask one question? So really we are assuring that landowner will get a license, then the gratis license allows them to take any deer, buck or doe, versus the lottery where you are assigned a certain animal.

Rep. Berg: This one here is another gratis tag, you are still allowed anything, but you have to pay the \$20 fee.

_____ ; The difference would be the other people in the lottery, they would have to take a particular buck or doe. I guess the question is, I am assuming Game and Fish would say this would have a bigger impact on the unit because people will be taking bucks in a bigger area than before.

Chairman Nicholas: Any other questions? The clerk will take the roll.

MOTION FOR A DO PASS

YES, 14 NO, 0

1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING

CARRIED BY REP. KINGSBURY

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 02/20/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: HB 1272

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$160,000		\$200,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

It is difficult to estimate the number of gratis license applicants will use this option to get a unit wide license. 4000 per year for the 2001-2003 biennium and 5,000 per year for 2003-2005 is our estimate. Additional hunters will utilize this option to avoid having to be in the license lottery. Costs for them and Game and Fish revenue will not change, since they are already purchasing a license.

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.*

Some hunters who have been getting gratis/no charge licenses will purchase licenses. They will then be able to hunt off of their land and in the entire unit where their land is located. This will result in additional revenue for the Game and Fish Fund.

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.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/16/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1272

Amendment to:

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$280,000)		(\$300,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Currently many landowners purchase regular deer lottery hunting licenses because they want to hunt in more places than just their land. With this bill they would get the unit license at no cost. This would reduce the number of licenses available for purchase in the lottery. It is very difficult to estimate the number of licenses that this would involve. As more people learn about this, more landowner licenses will be issued. This will be especially popular in the mule deer hunting units where 6 or 7 people are applying for each license. It will significantly reduce the number of licenses that are available to hunters who are not landowners.

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.*

It is estimated that about 5,000 individuals would utilize this option. Note that it is very difficult to estimate this number. This would result in a reduction of revenue of \$140,000 to \$150,000 per year.

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.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the*

executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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