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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1216

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1216

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 23, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1			0-3244
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Elin Meyer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the hearing on HB 1216 relating to bonds for agents distributing hunting and fishing licenses.

Rep. Drovedal: Introduced HB 1216. Citing concern relating to the low dollar amount on bonds insuring game and fish licenses.

Rep. Kelsner: What is the risk we are trying to mitigate?

Rep. Drovdal: It is an insurance policy against losses related to an outstanding game and fish license distributed to the auditors office of a particular county. The game and fish department can still receive the funds from the sale of that license despite a bankruptcy or disappearance of a vendor.

Kevin Glatt: Burleigh County Auditor. North Dakota County Auditors Association. Spoke in support of HB 1216. We are trying to be proactive to prevent future problems.

Chair Nelson: Have you spoken to the vendors about this?

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Kevin Glatt: Most of the vendors are more than happy to participate in this program rather than try to go to a private bond to cover this program.

Chair Nelson: How many vendors do you have?

Kevin Glatt: It varies however the number is getting smaller and the vendors are getting bigger.

Rep. Nottestad: What is the notification process for the vendors. What do we do for this season. Will the vendors be in violation from August to November.

Chair Nelson: Paul Shadewell can answer that.

Rep. Kelsner: Is the Internet circumventing the vendors for licenses.

Kevin Glatt: The remaining vendors are getting larger. Who would have thought K-Mart would go out of business. I worry about them and they are one of our largest vendors.

Rep. Porter: Is this bond a good deal compared with the private sector bonds.

Kevin Glatt: There is only one vendor that does that. Stalmart pays about \$50 opposed to the \$10 because their business crosses state lines.

Jeff Blitz: Administrator of state bond fund. Testified in support with a proposed amendment. Currently the state bond fund has 275 vendors for game and fish licenses. This generates \$2,750 in revenue. This would raise the fee from \$5 to \$15. However it still does not adequately fund the exposure the state could eventually have from a situation from a scenario like K-mart example from Mr. Glatt. We have no open or active claims against the fund from anyone who sells game and fish licenses. There are currently 24 open claims against the fund. None of those were game and fish license vendors.

Rep. Porter: Is this fund separate from the rest of the general fund?

Jeff Blitz: No

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Rep. Nottestad: What do we do for this season. Will the vendors be in violation from August to November?

Jeff Bitz: We would prorate the difference and notify the difference.

Chair Nelson: Is restitution possible in this.

Jeff Bitz: Rarely has the state bonding fund ever successfully collected. Most are written off because there is no means to pay. This exposure continues to grow.

Rep. Porter: What would this bond run in the private sector.

Jeff Bitz: Probably in excess of \$50.

Rep. DeKrey: Do you reinsure?

Jeff Bitz: We have the option, but we do not.

Paul Shadewald: North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. Testified in support of HB 1216.

Chair Nelson: Does the auditor set the rate?

Paul Shadewald: The commissioner sets this. The auditors know who is a problem vendor and can decide how to administer these licenses.

Chair Nelson: Jeff Bitz can up an amendment relating to create a 3 tiered sliding scale for the vendors with Rep. Drovedal.

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1216

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 30, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		xx	2,400-2785
Committee Clerk Signature <i>E. M. Myer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson reopened HB 1216.

Rep. Drovdal moved an amendment seconded by Rep. Nottestad.

Motion carries by voice vote.

Rep. Nottestad moves a Do Pass with Amendments seconded by Rep. Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 11-0-3. Rep. Norland will carry.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/13/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1216

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.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 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.

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

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.

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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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

Page 1, line 9, overstrike "ten" and immediately thereafter insert "thirty"

Renumber accordingly

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