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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Payne DATE TYPED: 02/27/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Game & Fish Registration Requirements SB 453
 ANALYST: Dotson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	None				None

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Game and Fish Department.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 453 makes it legal for a person to charge a fee to assist a person in obtaining a hunting license in New Mexico. This bill would allow persons involved in licensing services, booking agencies or license brokering to engage in these activities without being registered with the Game and Fish Department. These people would also be allowed to charge a fee for their services other than the application processing fee, charged by the Department.

Significant Issues

Random drawing are the basis of obtaining hunting permits. Booking agents would still have to apply in the name of a specific hunter to obtain a license, if successful in the random drawing, the booking agent could charge a fee for going through the application process and helping the hunter select a desirable area.

According to the Game and Fish Department, these people provide a legitimate service, which is not directly involved with the actual hunt. The Department does not want to impede interstate commerce from occurring.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation is involved with SB453.

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