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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE

SPONSOR Baldonado **LAST UPDATED** 02/11/15 **HB** 203/aHRPAC

SHORT TITLE Active Duty and Veteran Game and Fish Licenses **SB** _____

ANALYST Sanogo

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		
	(\$245.0)	(\$245.0)	Recurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Office of the Secretary of Defense (OUSD)
 US Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)
 Game and Fish Department (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HRPAC Amendment:

The House Regulatory and Public Affairs Committee amends the effective date to April 1, 2016.

Synopsis of Original Bill:

On any Game and Fish Department (DGF) license, permit or stamp, HB 203 provides a 50 percent discount to New Mexico residents who have either veteran or active duty military status.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DGF revenue from licenses is expected to decrease by 4.1 percent, or \$245 thousand, per fiscal year. See also, "Revenue Impact Estimation" table, next page.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DGF reported that an effective date prior to April 1, 2016 – the start of the department’s license year – would impose “significant hardship for the agency.” DGF suggested an effective date on April 1, 2016 to provide sufficient time for the agency to implement the system and promote the license opportunity to persons who qualify, in coordination with the new license year.

DGF also suggested that two classes of veteran licenses be kept alongside HB 203:

The 100% disabled game hunting license and the disabled resident veteran game hunting and fishing licenses. These two license types offer more than a 50% discount and the Department sports keeping those licenses as valid license offerings.

REVENUE IMPACT ESTIMATION

FY 2016 Revenue Impact \$ (245,354.52)

2013 Active Duty Population	13,002
2014 Veteran Population	171,528
2014 NM Population	2,086,000
Approximate Military Percent	8.85%

Class	2014 License Year			HB 203		
	No. Issued	Fee	Revenue	No. Issued	Fee	Revenue
Resident, fishing	81,591	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,039,775.00	74,881	6,710	\$ 25.00 \$ 1,955,911.50
Resident, game hunting	18,202	\$ 15.00	\$ 273,030.00	16,705	1,497	\$ 15.00 \$ 261,804.62
Resident, deer	37,893	\$ 31.00	\$ 1,174,683.00	34,777	3,116	\$ 31.00 \$ 1,126,386.97
Resident, antelope	2,379	\$ 50.00	\$ 118,950.00	2,183	196	\$ 50.00 \$ 114,059.48
Resident, elk cow	24,984	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,249,200.00	22,929	2,055	\$ 50.00 \$ 1,197,840.27
Resident, elk bull or either sex		\$ 80.00				
Resident, bighorn sheep, ram		\$ 150.00				
Resident, bighorn sheep, ewe	36	\$ 75.00	\$ 5,400.00	33	3	\$ 150.00 \$ 5,177.98
Resident, Barbary sheep	2,266	\$ 100.00	\$ 226,600.00	2,079	187	\$ 100.00 \$ 217,283.55
Resident, bear	3,048	\$ 44.00	\$ 134,112.00	2,797	251	\$ 44.00 \$ 128,598.11
Resident, turkey .	11,456	\$ 25.00	\$ 286,400.00	10,513	943	\$ 25.00 \$ 274,624.92
Resident, cougar	1,701	\$ 40.00	\$ 68,040.00	1,561	140	\$ 40.00 \$ 65,242.60
Resident, oryx	1,408	\$ 150.00	\$ 211,200.00	1,292	116	\$ 150.00 \$ 202,516.70
Resident, ibex	247	\$ 100.00	\$ 24,700.00	226	21	\$ 100.00 \$ 23,684.48
Resident, javelina	2,244	\$ 55.00	\$ 123,420.00	2,059	185	\$ 55.00 \$ 118,345.70
Resident, trapper	1,607	\$ 20.00	\$ 32,140.00	1,474	133	\$ 20.00 \$ 30,818.59
Total	189,062		\$ 5,967,650.00	173,509	15,553	\$ 5,722,295.48

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