

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1983S.01I
Bill No.: SB 427
Subject: Animals; Conservation, Department of; Fishing and Hunting
Type: Original
Date: March 26, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to hunting permits.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Conservation Commission Fund*	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

*Without additional information from the Missouri Department of Conservation, Oversight will assume the potential impact to the Conservation Commission Fund could reach the \$250,000 per year in licenses and permits threshold.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume the proposal will have an unknown negative impact.

Oversight notes currently, a resident landowner must be a resident of Missouri who does not claim any resident privileges (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping, driver's license, registered voter, etc.) in another state or country; and whose legal residence or domicile have been in the state of Missouri for at least 30 days prior to obtaining a landowner permit.

If a person meets one of the following conditions below, that person is eligible to receive no-cost resident landowner permits:

- Must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be an immediate household member of a resident landowner who owns at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be a general partner of a resident limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability limited partnership, or a general partner of a general partnership formed by written agreement and the partnership must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be an officer of a resident or foreign corporation and the corporation must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be a managing member of a resident limited liability company and the company must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be an officer of a benevolent association organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the association must own at least 20 contiguous acres of land.
- Must be an immediate household member of general partner of a partnership, an officer of a resident or foreign corporation, an officer or managing member of a resident limited liability company, or an officer of a benevolent association organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri when the before mentioned organization owns at least 20 contiguous acres of land.

Currently, a landowner must complete a Landowner Permit Application to submit the property before obtaining landowner permits.

Oversight notes this proposal removes this provision; therefore, Oversight assumes MDC will incur savings from not having to process and verify these applications. Oversight will reflect an "Unknown" savings to the Conservation Commission Fund.

Oversight notes this proposal directs MDC to issue any landowner hunting permit requested by a resident or nonresident landowner who owns at least five acres of real property. Currently, a resident landowner must own 20 acres of contiguous acres of land and a nonresident landowner must own at least 75 contiguous acres of land. Nonresident landowners who qualify are eligible to receive reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits.

Upon further inquiry, **Oversight** obtained the following data from MDC:

2020

Type of Permit	Number Issued	Revenue Collected
Resident Landowner Firearms Any Deer	82,829	\$0
Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer	93,581	\$0
Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey	233	\$38,445
Nonresident Landowner Fall Turkey	24	\$2,208
Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting	460	\$89,505
Nonresident Landowner Firearm Deer	920	\$179,205
Resident Landowner Firearm Spring Turkey	21,381	\$0
Resident Landowner Firearms Fall Turkey	36,125	\$0
Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting	53,107	\$0
Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer	104,398	\$0

Oversight notes the total amount of revenue collected by MDC for nonresident landowner hunting permits was \$309,363 in 2020.

Oversight notes there was no revenue collected in 2019 for resident landowners, who were only required to own 5 acres vs. the 20 acre minimum for 2020 and beyond. In addition, prior to 2020, nonresident landowners were required to purchase a permit like all nonresident hunters.

Oversight is unable to determine how many acres each nonresident landowner owns; however, this proposal lowers the number of acres requirement for nonresident landowners which could result in an increase of nonresident landowners who qualify for reduced-cost hunting permits, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Conservation Commission Fund. Oversight will reflect MDC's assumption of an unknown negative impact to the Conservation Commission Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Savings</u> – MDC – no longer have to process landowner application permits	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Loss</u> – MDC - decreased resident and nonresident hunting permit fees	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under this act, the Conservation Commission shall not require any resident or nonresident landowner to register the landowner's property before receiving a landowner hunting permit or possessing any hunting permit to take wildlife on the landowner's property.

The Commission shall issue any landowner hunting permit requested by any resident or nonresident landowner who owns at least 5 acres of real property and requests such permit.

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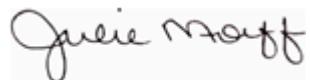
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This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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