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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/18/13

SPONSOR Munoz LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Game & Fish License Suspension Periods SB 73

ANALYST McCoy

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 73 amends Section 17-1-14 (B) NMSA 1978 by removing language in subsection 10 that limits the period of time to three years that a license, permit or license privilege may be suspended, revoked or withheld for any person that has violated the provisions of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978. It also adds language to subsection 11 of Section 17-1-14 (B) NMSA 1978 that gives the State Game Commission (SGC) the authority to adopt rules to establish procedures that provide a violator with reasonable notice and a hearing for the suspension, revocation or withholding of license privileges for a definite period of time.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the DGF, SB73 will give the SGC the ability to impose a longer than three year revocation period when the severity of the crime or the habitual nature of the violator warrants a longer revocation period, such as for people who poach big game only for their heads and/or antlers, for repeat offenders and for those who are caught hunting while already on revocation.

Additionally, New Mexico is a participating state to the Wildlife Violator Compact, pursuant to Section 11-16-1 NMSA 1978, an agreement that recognizes suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in member states so that any person whose license privileges or rights are suspended in a member state may also be suspended in New Mexico. The DGF notes, SB73 will ensure that the State Game Commission is able to honor New Mexico's obligations under the Compact, even when the out of state revocation is greater than three years.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to the DGF, the SGC rules would have to be modified, but there will be minimal administrative implications to imposing a longer revocation period.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico will not comply with the Wildlife Violator Compact.

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