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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Heaton DATE TYPED 1/24/2005 HB 37  
 SHORT TITLE Game & Fish Licenses Over Internet SB \_\_\_\_\_  
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### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
	Indeterminate		Recurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 37 provides for hunting license applications to be accepted over the internet and further provides penalties for a nonresident to possess a resident license

#### Significant Issues

The Department of Game and Fish receives over 110,000 applications for limited hunt drawings each year. HB 37 clarifies the department's ability to accept applications for licenses over the internet. Currently, hunters who apply using a paper application or over the telephone must mail in a signature page and remit the entire hunt fee. In the event a hunter is not picked, a refund check is mailed to the applicant. Provisions contained in HB 37 allow for applicants who apply using an online process to use a credit card and only pay the application fee until the drawing is held. If successful in the drawing, the department then charges the credit card for the full license fee. HB 37 further exempts hunters applying for a license using either the telephone or the internet from signing an application prior to the issuance of a license. Hunters using paper applications will continue to remit the entire hunt fee at the time of application.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Provision contained in HB 37 will streamline licensing procedures for both the consumer and the public by allowing for a more efficient process. At present the department collects considerable revenue annually which must be returned to unsuccessful applicants. Streamlining this process should lead to more efficiency in agency fiscal processes.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This change in statute has the potential to increase a greater number of applicants to submit hunt application online rather than using paper methods. The department realizes income from interest earned on hunt fees collected and deposited during the draw period. The impact on revenues is indeterminate at this time. The department notes that any reduction in income will be more than offset in savings realized in labor savings. This too is indeterminate.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The process for accepting online applications currently exists, the only difference will be that hard copy signatures will not be required.

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