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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-25-07

SPONSOR J. Trujillo LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 305

SHORT TITLE Additional Deer License Fee Change SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Woods

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 305 seeks to amend Section 17-3-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 6, as amended) to change the fee for an additional deer license. The current language in this statute allows for hunters to purchase an additional deer license, where permitted by rule. Under current statutory language, the cost of the second deer license is also contained in this section and is set at \$5.00 for residents and fifty dollars \$50.00 for non-residents. These amounts are not consistent with the license fees found in the license fees section of Section 17-3-13. This bill would amend the second deer license fee amounts to track with the fees currently in place in the fees section.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DGF indicates that the department and State Game Commission have not used the second deer license in at least twenty years, and without this change it will not likely do so in the near future. With this change, the State Game Commission may consider the opportunity for a second deer license in specific regions of the state. For example, the population of white-tail deer is growing in parts of eastern New Mexico and the Commission could develop a hunt opportunity for both

mule deer and white-tail deer. The number of opportunities would likely be relatively small, so the fiscal impact of such a change would not be significant.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DGF adds that the bill will align the fees for all deer hunting opportunities and will track with 17-3-13, so that there will no longer be a differential between fees in the two sections, even if 17-3-13 is amended.

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