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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED

SPONSOR Garcia, T. **HB** 362

SHORT TITLE Certain Military Hunting License Discounts **SB** _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12	FY13		
	\$2.0 – \$3.0	\$2.0 – \$ 3.0	Recurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 362 proposes to allow non-resident disabled active members or non-resident disabled veterans of the armed forces of the United States who are undergoing a rehabilitation program that is related the sport of hunting and is sponsored by the federal government of a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government to purchase certain hunting licenses for the established resident fee.

The proposed licenses include deer, antelope, elk, javelina and turkey.

The bill would not go into effect until April 1, 2012.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The DGF states this bill affords an opportunity that doesn't currently exist within statute. Estimating how many non-residents participate in the program is difficult without background information about current programs, but the Department believes that the program might bring new customers to the Department as a part of the rehabilitation program. The Department estimates that we would gain approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000 in revenue annually.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

All of the bills below propose amendments to §17-3-2, NMSA 1978.

This bill conflicts with Senate Bill 196 which would set new limits on licenses for non-residents.

House Bill 149 would restructure the DGF licensing program.

House Bill 180 would authorize temporary licenses to active-duty members of the military.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The DMA notes that currently a free lifetime general hunting and fishing license is available to resident veterans certified as 100% disabled as a result of having served in the army forces. To take advantage of this benefit when applying for a public land deer license, the individual must first obtain a Disable American Veteran (DAV) card and enter the number on the application form. This DAV identification card issued by the Department permits the holder to fish, hunt small game and to receive a deer hunting license, free of charge, whether through the state draw or for hunting on private land.

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