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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/12

SPONSOR Rehm LAST UPDATED _____ HB 115

SHORT TITLE Hunting License Refunds for Forest Fires SB _____

ANALYST van Moorsel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 115 amends current law to permit the director of the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) to authorize a refund of the amount of a hunting license fee from the game and fish suspense fund if the director cancels a hunt due to forest fire or another natural disaster.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The DGF notes that it currently sets aside \$30,000 every fiscal year to accommodate license fee refunds. The additional authority to grant refunds may cause the DGF to adjust the amount reserved for refunds in any fiscal year, but not by a significant amount.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The additional authority of the Director to grant refunds will allow the Department to provide a means to refund licensees the appropriate fee due to natural disasters which is not currently available.

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