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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply: **Date** 1/30/24
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** HB178
Correction **Substitute**

Sponsor: Rep. Matthew McQueen **Agency Name and Code** HCA-630
Short REFORM STATE GAME **Number:** _____
Title: COMMISSION **Person Writing** Vida Tapia-Sanchez
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$0.00	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: 2023 Regular Session SB254
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: Not Known

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 178 (HB178) proposes to reform the State Game Commission appointment process; sets term limits for commissioners; adds requirements for appointment and removal of commissioners. HB178 further creates the State Gaming Nominating Committee and renames the Department of Game and Fish to the Wildlife Department (WD) and the name of the State Gaming Commission to the State Wildlife Commission. HB178 amends statutory policy, expanding the management of wildlife, adding definitions, setting reporting requirements.

In addition, HB178 proposes to amend the licensing fees, providing for license fee adjustments to account for adjustments to account for inflation. HB178 also proposes to provide a twenty-five percent (25%) license fee discount for New Mexico residents and family members of residents who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

HB178 also provides for transfers and repeals Section 17-2-2 NMSA, 1978 (being laws 1937, Chapter 23, Section 1).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If HB178 is approved, it would require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Wildlife Department to share data verifying the eligibility of SNAP-enrolled individuals and families.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If WD would like to query an existing web-based service to look up licensees eligibility for benefits, WD would need to work with HCA to configure that connection and that is anticipated to require no additional cost. Alternatively, current SNAP recipients have multiple sources of

providing verification of receipt of their benefits. SNAP recipients have online, in person and mailed opportunities to obtain the verification required at no cost.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB178 relates to the 2023 Regular Session Senate Bill 254 (SB254) that only proposed the 25% discount for license fees to residents and family members who are SNAP-enrolled. SB254 was not passed during the 2023 Regular Session.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Like SB254, HB178 states “the resident and the family member of the resident who participate in the SNAP are eligible to receive a twenty-five percent discount” however it does not include a specific definition of family member. HCA recommends a definition be included to define a resident or family member as a member of the same household.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for HCA

ALTERNATIVES

HB178 should define the state resident and the additional family members. These individuals should match the SNAP household benefit group. Any resident within the defined group would be eligible for the discount.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None