

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

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FISCAL NOTE 2021-FN1034A (HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES ENGROSSED)

HB1034 – An Act to revise certain youth hunting requirements.

HB1034, as amended, would replace the need to issue the resident junior combination license by allowing residents under 18, as opposed to 16, to fish and take fur-bearing animals without a permit. Residents and nonresidents under 18 would not be required to purchase a fishing license. The bill would repeal the nonresident family fishing license. The bill would not change §41-6-13 requiring any persons under 16 that were issued a hunting license must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or mentor.

The fiscal estimate to the State would be a decrease of approximately **(\$290,306)** in other fund revenue under the control of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P).

Table 1 shows the fees and 2019 annual sales for every license type germane to the bill. The net change in license sales is based on changes in the bill. A reduction in sales is due to changing the age limit from 16 to 18.

| Table 1 Fiscal Estimate | License Fee | 2019 Annual Sales | Estimated Sales | Net Change in License Sales | Fiscal Impact |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Resident Jr Combination License (eliminated) | \$27 | 6,667 | - | (6,667) | (\$180,009) |
| Resident Small Game 1-Day License | \$12 | 1,188 | 1,146 | (42) | (\$504) |
| Resident 1-Day Fishing License | \$8 | 5,556 | 5,204 | (352) | (\$2,816) |
| Resident Predator/Varmint | \$5 | 1,563 | 1,523 | (40) | (\$200) |
| Resident Furbearer License | \$30 | 3,532 | 3,418 | (114) | (\$3,420) |
| Resident Youth Small Game License (Annual) | \$5 | 3,660 | 5,164 | 1,504 | \$7,520 |
| Resident Combination License (Adult Small Game & Fishing) | \$55 | 43,470 | 44,188 | 718 | \$39,490 |
| Resident Youth Fishing License (Annual) | \$0 | - | - | - | \$0 |
| Resident Fishing License (Adult Annual) | \$28 | 52,079 | 53,515 | 1,436 | \$40,208 |
| Estimated Fiscal Impact Resident Licenses | | | | | (\$99,731) |
| Nonresident Small Game | \$121 | 65,891 | 65,100 | (791) | (\$95,711) |
| Nonresident Family Fishing License (eliminated) | \$67 | 8,035 | - | (8,035) | (\$538,345) |
| Nonresident Annual Fishing | \$67 | 14,799 | 22,413 | 7,614 | \$510,138 |
| Nonresident Youth Fishing (eliminated) | \$25 | 1,126 | - | (1,126) | (\$28,150) |
| Nonresident Youth Small Game | \$10 | 1,551 | 2,342 | 791 | \$7,910 |
| Nonresident 1-Day Fishing | \$16 | 19,616 | 18,891 | (725) | (\$11,600) |
| Nonresident 3-Day Fishing | \$37 | 22,314 | 21,779 | (535) | (\$19,795) |
| 1-Day Nonresident Shooting Preserve | \$46 | 1,208 | 1,190 | (18) | (\$828) |
| 5-Day Nonresident Shooting Preserve | \$76 | 11,879 | 11,797 | (82) | (\$6,232) |
| Nonresident Annual Shooting Preserve | \$121 | 296 | 294 | (2) | (\$242) |
| Nonresident Predator/Varmint | \$40 | 4,660 | 4,524 | (136) | (\$5,440) |
| Nonresident Spring Light Goose | \$50 | 2,810 | 2,715 | (95) | (\$4,750) |
| Nonresident Youth Spring Light Goose | \$26 | 94 | 189 | 95 | \$2,470 |
| Estimated Fiscal Impact Nonresident Licenses | | | | | (\$190,575) |
| Total Estimated Impact | | | | | (\$290,306) |

According to GF&P, the long-term expected benefit could likely be a higher retention rate of licensees due to the change in age. The bill would likely increase sales tax revenue to the State and municipalities by a marginal amount due to an economic incentive for nonresidents to hunt and fish in South Dakota.

The data used to complete *Table 1* was provided by GF&P.

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