

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0216H.01I
 Bill No.: HB 563
 Subject: Department of Conservation; Fishing and Hunting; Animals
 Type: Original
 Date: February 3, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes protections for landowners taking wildlife on the landowner's property.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Conservation Commission Fund	Less than (\$362,200)	Less than (\$362,200)	Less than (\$362,200)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Less than (\$362,200)	Less than (\$362,200)	Less than (\$362,200)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§252.047 – Hunting Privileges

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

For calendar year 2024, MDC sold the below number of Non-Resident landowner permits for archery, fall turkey, spring turkey and firearm deer hunting. Subdivision 3 of the proposal states that non-resident permits will be issued free, so MDC could lose approximately \$363,000 in revenue.

Permit Type	Permit Cost	Non-Resident Landowner Permit Sales for 2020	Total
Archery	\$212	469	\$99,428
Fall Turkey	\$100	48	\$4,800
Spring Turkey	\$172	277	\$47,644
Firearm Deer	\$212	994	\$210,728
Total			\$362,600

MDC also notes:

§252.047.2

A reduction of acreage to 5 acres for a resident or nonresident to qualify for landowner permits would have a significant impact to the agency's authority and revenue.

§252.047.3(1)

If the statement included in this section requires the "immediate family member of the landowner" to reside with the landowner, this restricts who would be eligible for landowner permits. Current MDC regulations allow anyone who has the same legal residence as the landowner for at least 30 days to be eligible for landowner permits as an "immediate household member" of the landowner. If the statement included in this section does not require them to have the same legal residence as the landowner for at least 30 days to qualify, it will have a significant impact to the agency's authority and revenue.

§252.047.3(2)

The allowance would undermine that agency's authority and revenue and would result in a significant impact to the management of tracking and verify the legitimacy of the applicant and the allocation of landowner permits for the property in question.

Oversight notes this proposal directs MDC to issue any landowner hunting permit requested by a resident or nonresident landowner who owns at least five acres of real property. Currently, a resident landowner must own 20 acres of contiguous acres of land and a nonresident landowner must own at least 75 contiguous acres of land. Nonresident landowners who qualify are eligible to receive reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the MDC. However, Oversight assumes the estimated number of permit applicants that take advantage of this new law would not be the entire population. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the impact as “Less than” MDC’s estimate.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Loss – MDC - decreased resident and nonresident hunting permit fees</u>	Less than <u>(\$362,200)</u>	Less than <u>(\$362,200)</u>	Less than <u>(\$362,200)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	Less than <u>(\$362,600)</u>	Less than <u>(\$362,600)</u>	Less than <u>(\$362,600)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

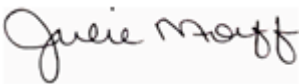
This bill prohibits the Department of Conservation from requiring a landowner to register his or her property before receiving any landowner hunting permit or possess a permit to take wildlife on his or her property.

The Conservation Commission must issue landowner hunting permits requested by any resident or nonresident landowner who owns at least five acres of real property. In addition, once a year, any landowner who qualifies for landowner hunting permits may request a hunting permit for a nonresident immediate family member allowing the taking of wildlife on the landowner's property for a two-day period. The Commission must issue the two-day permit free of charge.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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