

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21625

Currently, there are multiple junior and youth hunting licenses, which are confusing to customers because different age and species limitations are prescribed for each license. This legislation would consolidate the licenses currently available for young hunters, creating a "one stop shop" youth hunting license. Current age limitations for hunting turkey and big game and existing mentor requirements would not be changed. This legislation would also correct a reference to disabled combination licenses provided to nonresident disabled veterans hunting in association with a qualified organization that should be referred to as a disabled hunting license because only hunting is allowed with this license and this legislation would also correct other terminology.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no fiscal impact to the general fund or the dedicated fish and game fund from consolidating resident youth licenses because the junior hunting license and the youth small game license cost the same. Consolidating the provisions of the nonresident youth small game license into the nonresident junior mentored hunting license would result in an estimated fiscal impact of \$1,046 increase to the dedicated fish and game fund assuming the same number of nonresidents, of which there were eighty-nine in Fiscal Year 2012, that purchased a youth small game license that cost \$18.25 will purchase the Junior Mentored Hunting License in the future that costs \$30.00.

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