

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21630

Certain state services such as vehicle registration are provided on a multi year schedule and some hunting and fishing license customers are frustrated by having to annually renew their license because there is not a multi year license option, other than the lifetime license. A license survey conducted for the Department of Fish and Game showed high interest by customers in a three-year license costing three times the annual fee with only one vendor issuance fee required, creating a small cost savings compared to annual license purchase. Annual license structure would not be affected. Purchase of three-year combination, hunting, or fishing licenses would be voluntary. This legislation creates licenses with a three-year term and fee which provides convenience for the customer and improves revenue stability for the department.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. There will be a revenue increase to the dedicated Fish and Game Fund due to the accrual of three years of license fees in a single year, thus the fiscal impact includes the extra two years of the license cost because the first year cost is already reflected in existing revenue expectation. The estimated revenue from three-year license purchase is \$1,257,000 based on fiscal year 2012 sales, and also assuming that ten percent of resident hunters and anglers would purchase a three-year license and that two to three percent of senior and nonresident hunters and anglers would purchase a three-year license. This may be a conservative estimate based on other state multi year registration examples such as twenty-eight percent of customers choose to purchase multi year vehicle registration.

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