

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 888 (Senate Finance Committee Substitute)

SHORT TITLE: Nonresident License Fee

SPONSOR(S): Senators Robinson, et al.

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
REVENUES					
Wildlife Fund	\$439,185	\$439,185	\$439,185	\$439,185	\$439,185
EXPENDITURES					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Wildlife Resources Commission					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill increases the fees for nonresident hunting licenses and creates a nonresident wild boar/bear hunting license. Additional technical changes are made in the licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Wildlife Resources Commission has requested this fee increase for its nonresident hunting licenses. In FY 1999-2000, the Commission sold 24,419 nonresident hunting licenses ranging from a \$10 hunting and fishing guide license to a \$100 bear license. The chart on page 2 shows the number of licenses sold in each category, the current license fee, the proposed license fee, the FY 99-00 revenue, and the proposed revenue. The nonresident fee increases in this bill will generate \$439,185 per year for the Wildlife Fund. The number of hunting licenses has declined from 160,567 in 1995/96 to 127,384 in 99/00, but the Wildlife Resources Commission does not project a further decline in license sales. Instead the Commission recommends using a “no growth” rate over the next five years. This fiscal note accepts the Commission’s projection and assumes no growth in the number of licenses issued over the next five fiscal years.

	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Price</u>	<u># Sold FY 99/00</u>	<u>Revenue Earned FY 99/00</u>	<u>Projected Revenue FY 01/02</u>
Nonresident State Hunting License	\$40	\$60	7,252	\$290,080	\$435,120
Nonresident Six-Day License	\$25	\$40	6,442	\$161,050	\$257,680
Nonresident Bear/Wild Boar	\$100	\$125	882	\$88,200	\$110,250
Nonresident Big Game Hunting License	\$40	\$60	5,277	\$211,080	\$316,620
Nonresident Big Game Hunting License - 6 day	\$25	\$40	4,547	\$113,675	\$181,880
Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License	\$10	\$100	18	\$180	\$1,800
Nonresident Commercial Special Device License	\$100	\$200	1	\$100	\$200
Total					\$1,303,550
				\$864,365	
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Additional Expected Revenue - SB 888					\$439,185

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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