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SF 206 - Deer Harvest (LSB 2270 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

Senate File 206 makes the following changes related to deer hunting:

- Transfers authority for shooting farm deer at preserves from the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- Increases the non-resident hunting license fee from \$80 to \$100.
- Specifies 6,000 non-resident hunters that purchase an any sex deer license must purchase an additional antlerless deer license for \$100.
- Specifies all resident and non-resident hunters pay a \$1.00 fee for the Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) Program.
- Requires all hunters to report the number of deer harvested or pay a \$10 penalty.
- Requires the Natural Resource Commission to adopt Administrative Rules defining a farm unit.
- Specifies the DNR adopt Administrative Rules for special deer hunts.
- Specifies the DNR enforce Administrative Rules regarding deer depredation permits.

Background

The number of deer and vehicle collision accidents has increased in Iowa. During 2004, there were 18,000 accidents in Iowa with at an estimated cost of \$60.0 million to insurance companies. During the same time period, the DNR sold 28,000 additional deer licenses (23,000 antlerless deer) and reported that 2,000 deer were donated to the HUSH Program. The HUSH Program allows hunters to donate harvested deer to designated food lockers where the meat is processed and then donated to the Iowa Food Bank.

Assumptions

1. It is estimated that 340,000 residents and 15,000 non-residents will purchase licenses and pay the \$1.00 HUSH Program fee for total revenue of \$355,000.
2. It is estimated that 6,000 non-resident hunters will pay the \$20 increase to purchase a non-resident hunting license and pay an additional \$100 to purchase an antlerless deer license.
3. It is estimated 3,000 non-resident hunters will pay the \$20 increase to purchase a non-resident hunting license to hunt antlerless deer.
4. It is estimated 20,000 hunters will pay the \$10 penalty for not reporting harvested deer.
5. It is estimated the expenditures for hunters reporting harvested deer is \$640,000 per year.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of SF 206 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of SF 206 is an increase in revenue of \$355,000 for the HUSH Program and an increase in revenue of \$340,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund for FY 2006 and each following year.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources
Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
