

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		(870,890) to (4,562,753)		(946,620) to (4,959,515)
FEDERAL FUNDS		(45,166)		(940,162) to (4,755,538)
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		(916,056) to (4,607,919)		(1,886,782) to (9,715,053)

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 184 would allow any Nebraska resident who is in active military service, or who has been honorably discharged, to receive the necessary permits to hunt and fish free of charge. Currently certain disabled veterans, veterans 64 years of age or older, and veterans deployed out-of-state receive free or discounted (\$5) permits.

The cash fund revenue loss to the Game and Parks Commission will equal \$48 (\$25 for a combination hunting/fishing permit; \$13 for a habitat stamp; \$5 for an aquatic habitat stamp; and \$5 for a waterfowl stamp) for each veteran under 64 that applies for an exempt permit, IF, that individual would have purchased the permits at the regular price. The revenue loss for those veterans 64 and older and those deployed out-of-state will be \$5, which is the fee they are currently paying. The thing to keep in mind when determining the fiscal impact is that providing a free permit to a veteran that would not have purchased a permit anyway would not result in a revenue loss.

The Game and Parks Commission has identified a potential cash fund revenue loss of \$4,562,753 in FY2007-08 (partial year) and \$4,959,515 in FY2008-09. Their estimated loss of federal funding is \$45,166 in FY2007-08 and \$4,755,538 in FY2008-09. This analysis assumes every eligible veteran requesting a free permit would have bought the necessary permits at the regular price. The Commission's estimate would be considered a potential maximum which may be reduced if any of the estimated 111,397 veterans did not plan to purchase the required permits at the regular price.

Given that the Commission's estimate represents a maximum impact, a minimum impact estimate would attempt to take into consideration those eligible veterans that would not have purchased a permit at the regular price. There were 207,336 fishing, hunting and combination permits issued in Nebraska in 2004, which represents 19% of the state's population between the ages of 18 to 64. If it is assumed that this same percentage of the veteran population eligible to receive a free permit would have bought the permits at the regular price (\$48, \$43 or \$5 as the case may be) the estimated cash fund revenue loss would be \$870,890 in FY2007-08 and \$946,620 in FY2008-09. The federal fund loss would be \$45,166 in FY2007-08 and \$940,162 in FY2008-09.

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COMMENTS			
GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION – No basis to disagree with agency review, acknowledging all eligible persons may/may not use exemption.			