

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Brown
Sen. White

Bill Status: Deemed Lost

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO MANAGE BLACK BEARS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue Cash Funds Wildlife Cash Fund	Potential Increase	
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was laid over and not heard on third reading in the House of Representatives. As such, the bill was deemed lost on May 11, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals the portion of laws enacted pursuant to a 1992 ballot initiative, Amendment 10, that prohibit hunting black bears between March 1 and September 1. The bill changes the hunting prohibition to March 1 through May 31.

State Revenue

The bill may increase state revenue from hunting license fees. However, this impact is considered conditional because it depends on whether the Wildlife Commission decides to make additional hunting licenses available.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife. As part of its annual rule-making proceedings, the Wildlife Commission could decide to make additional licenses available for sale. However, DOW manages bear hunts by overall mortality, so that if bears were hunted in the spring, fewer licenses may be offered in the fall. The fees for hunting licenses would be credited to the Wildlife Cash Fund. Currently, a fall bear hunting license is \$41 for residents and \$351 for nonresidents.

Departments Contacted

Natural Resources