

This bill is expected to result in a reduction in revenue to the Wildlife Cash Fund beginning in FY 2016-17. The CPW monitors the number of black bears taken during hunting season and are expected to adjust the number of licenses that will be offered based on the new harvest success rates produced as a result of this bill. This can be accomplished by issuing fewer licenses per hunt or by limiting the optional hunts between September 1 and October 31. By whatever means the number of licenses are reduced, the result will be a reduction in license revenue to the Wildlife Cash Fund. The amount cannot be determined until the bill has been implemented and data are collected on harvest success rates, so a reduction in revenue is not anticipated until FY 2016-17.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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