

HF749 - 0 - "Taking of Turtles Provisions Modified"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings	X	
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Game And Fish (Operations)	-	8	8	8	7	7
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>16</b>			<b>15</b>

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Game And Fish (Operations)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Executive Budget Officer's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2 Dollars in Thousands	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Game And Fish (Operations)	-	8	8	8	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>					
Game And Fish (Operations)	-	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>(4)</b>		<b>(4)</b>
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>					
Game And Fish (Operations)	-	(10)	(10)	(10)	(9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>(20)</b>		<b>(19)</b>

**Bill Description**

This bill eliminates turtle seller and apprentice licenses. It also eliminates some means of allowable turtle capture, including traps.

**Assumptions**

The DNR has been phasing out the turtle license by not offering new licenses, only renewals. Since 2003, turtle sellers and apprentice licenses have decreased, while the recreational turtle license has increased.

Type	Qty 2003	Qty 2018	5yr Avg Trend
Turtle Sellers License	51	22	-4%
Turtle Apprentice License	19	8	-10%
Recreational Turtle License (new 2004)	0	148	+4%

This proposal accelerates the phase out by immediately eliminating the need for a turtle sellers and apprentice license(s).

While this proposal maintains the recreational turtle license fee, it would significantly decrease demand for purchase of a recreational turtle license as it bans the use of traps. The prohibition of traps will result in decreased recreational turtle license permits because the benefit of license (using traps) no longer exists.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

Applying the 5 year trend rate to 2018 levels:

Revenues	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Turtle Sellers License \$250	(\$5,000)	(\$4,750)	(\$4,750)	(\$4,500)
Turtle Apprentice License \$100	(\$ 600)	(\$ 600)	(\$ 540)	(\$ 486)
Recreational Turtle License \$25	(\$4,000)	(\$4,150)	(\$ 4,325)	(\$4,500)
	(\$9,600)	(\$9,500)	(\$9,615)	(\$9,486)

Expenditures	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
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Tags	(\$ 400)	(\$ 400)	(\$ 400)	(\$ 400)
Report forms	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)
Staff processing time	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

This will result in long-term revenue loss.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

97A.475, Subd. 41 Turtle Licenses

97C.605 Turtles

MN Rules 6256.0500 Taking Turtles

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