

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1649 – SB 1660

January 30, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to issue a permanent lifetime sportsman license for a one-time fee of \$100 to Tennessee residents who are 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, or to veterans with a service-connected disability that is less than 100 percent, but are being compensated at the 100 percent rate by reason of unemployment. Requires TWRA to accept Veterans' Administration certifications of service-connected disability as proper evidence.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$40,000/Wildlife Management Endowment Fund**  
**Decrease State Revenue – \$8,700/Wildlife Resources Fund**

Assumptions:

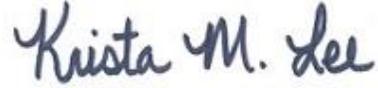
- According to information provided by TWRA, the Agency currently sells approximately 1,200 disabled veterans permanent sport combination hunting and fishing licenses each year for a one-time cost of \$10.00.
- TWRA indicates that the average disabled veteran who purchases this current license also spends approximately \$11.80 annually in supplemental permits.
- Such disabled veterans would no longer be required to purchase the supplemental permits if they elect to purchase the new proposed lifetime sportsman license.
- It is assumed that one-third of the 1,200 veterans or 400 individuals will qualify under the provisions of the bill, and will elect to purchase the new lifetime sportsman license for the proposed one-time fee of \$100.00.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-1-502, revenue from the sale of the new lifetime sportsman license would be deposited into the Wildlife Management Endowment Fund (WMEF).
- The recurring increase in state revenue to the WMEF is estimated to be \$40,000 (400 x \$100).
- Revenue received from the issuance of supplemental permits is deposited to the Wildlife Resources Fund (WRF); thus a recurring decrease in state revenue to the WRF estimated to be \$4,720 (400 x \$11.80).
- Revenue from the current permanent sport combination hunting and fishing is deposited to the WRF; thus a recurring decrease in state revenue to the WRF estimated to be \$4,000 (400 x \$10).

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- The total recurring decrease in state revenue to the WRF is estimated to be \$8,720 (\$4,720 + \$4,000).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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