

Legislative Analysis



MILITARY HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

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Senate Bill 1148 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Mike Prusi

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Complete to 11-30-04

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1148 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 9-29-04

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to permit a member of the military to obtain a \$1 hunting or fishing license from any DNR licensing agent. Currently, a \$1 military license may only be obtained from any of the nine DNR Operations Service Centers, which are located in Plainwell, Livonia, Bay City, Roscommon, Cadillac, Gaylord, Newberry, Marquette, and Baraga.

The bill would also permit members of the Michigan National Guard called into federal activity duty to receive the \$1 license.

The act currently permits members of the military to obtain hunting or fishing licenses (if not distributed on the basis of a lottery) for \$1 upon the presentation of leave papers, duty papers, military orders, or other acceptable evidence verifying that he or she is stationed outside of the state. The license is valid for two weeks during the appropriate season.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact on the Game and Fish Protection Fund would depend on the number of active duty military personnel who apply for a hunting or fishing license. The loss to the fund would be at the rate of \$1 per applicant. There would not be a significant fiscal impact on the fund. There would be no fiscal impact on local governmental units.

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