

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 323 (Second Edition) Waterfowl License Changes/AB

SHORT TITLE: Waterfowl License Changes/AB

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kerr

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>
REVENUES					
Wildlife Receipts					
Waterfowl License	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Swan Application	<u>\$27,500</u>	<u>\$27,500</u>	<u>\$27,500</u>	<u>\$27,500</u>	<u>\$27,500</u>
	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500	\$162,500
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.					

BILL SUMMARY: The bill extends waterfowl hunting privileges to holders of comprehensive hunting licenses, increases the fee for migratory waterfowl licenses from \$5 to \$10, increases the application fee for a special swan hunting permit from \$5 to \$10, and requires applicants for swan hunting permits to show proof of possessing a hunting license.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: There are two fee increases in SB 323. First, in Section 6, the migratory waterfowl hunting license is increased from \$5 to \$10. This fee has been unchanged since it was enacted in 1987 (Chapter 452, Section 2 of 1987 Session Laws). The Wildlife Resources Commission sells 27,000 waterfowl hunting licenses annually. A \$5 increase in this fee will generate \$135,000 in additional revenue. Section 7 of the bill contains an increase from \$5 to \$10 in the application fee for swan hunting permits. Since the Wildlife Resources Commission receives 5,500 applications each year, this increase will produce \$27,500 in additional revenue.

An insignificant revenue impact may be created by language in sections 4 and 7. Section 4 adds waterfowl hunting privileges to the Annual Sportsman License. The Wildlife Resources Commission considers this a technical provision and does not expect a major loss of waterfowl licenses. Section 7 requires the purchase of a \$15 hunting license to be eligible for a swan hunting permit. A small number of hunting licenses may be purchased due to this provision.

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