

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**



**Session 2007**

**Legislative Fiscal Note**

**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 2768 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Orange/Hunting on Private Property.

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Faison

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	\$200	\$220	\$240	\$265	\$290
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> Wildlife Resources Commission					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> July 1, 2008.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** House Bill 2768 amends hunting and fishing rules in Orange County, increases the fees collected from participants in the disabled sportsman program, and changes how disabled sportsman are declared eligible for the program.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The Disabled Sportsman Program is run by Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). WRC is required by statute to hold at least four Special Hunts each year to provide hunting and fishing access to disabled persons. Table One displays the number of people who have applied to participate in a Special Hunt. Each of these applicants paid a \$5 application fee.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
2005-06	12	\$ 60
2006-07	32	\$160
2007-08	36	\$180

If program enrollment continues to grow over the next five years at the same rate it did between FY 2006-07 and FY 2007-08 (~10%) then in FY 2008-09 WRC will receive 40 applications, 44 in FY 2009-10, 48 in FY 2010-11, 53 in FY 2011-12, and 58 in FY 2012-13.

Doubling the application fee will result in each applicant paying \$10 per hunt instead of \$5. With the fee increase WRC is projected to accrue \$400 in FY 2008-09 because 40 applicants will pay the \$10 fee. This is \$200 more than WRC will accrue without the fee increase. Table Two shows the projected number of applicants and the projected revenues for the next five years.

<b>Table Two: Projections</b>			
<b>FY</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Applicants</b>	<b>Estimated Total Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated Increase in Revenue Due to Fee Increase</b>
2008-09	40	\$400	\$200
2009-10	44	\$440	\$220
2010-11	48	\$480	\$240
2011-12	53	\$530	\$265
2012-13	58	\$580	\$290

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Wildlife Resources Commission.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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