



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 485

PRINTERS NO. 509

PRIME SPONSOR: Goodman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) directing the Pennsylvania Game Commission to expand the Mentored Hunting Program to include persons age 12 to 17.

ANALYSIS: HB 485 amends Section 2711 (relating to unlawful acts concerning licenses) (a.1) (relating to exemption) to provide that the Pennsylvania Game Commission shall promulgate regulations exempting persons from licensing requirements related to securing, signing and possession of license in order to participate in the Mentored Hunting Program. The bill provides that persons age 12 and older may participate in a Mentored Hunting Program for no more than three years.

The bill also repeals Section 327 (relating to junior hunter projects) as it is no longer necessary.

Effective date: 60 days

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, enactment of this legislation would have a minimal impact on the Game Fund. However, the Commission expects that any initial loss of revenue may be offset later by new license purchasers as a result of the expanded Mentored Hunting Program.

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DATE: June 6, 2017

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.