



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 617

PRINTERS NO. 612

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillespie

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

**SUMMARY:** Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to provide for a discounted hunting license for volunteer Hunter Trapper Education instructors.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 617 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) Section 2706 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) by adding a new subsection (h) to create a Volunteer instructor license, which shall be issued by the PA Game Commission (PGC) to individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and are certified by PGC as qualified to teach any of the hunter or trapper education curriculums offered by PGC. This does not apply to any full-time PGC employees.

The bill also amends Section 2709 (relating to license costs and fees) to provide that the fee for a volunteer instructor license shall be \$1 plus issuing agents fee, which is currently \$1.

Effective date: 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Game Commission, if this legislation would be enacted, the Game Fund could lose approximately \$25,000 per year. Per the Game Commission's 2018 Annual Report, the total Game Fund revenue received in FY2017-18 was \$117.1 million.

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