

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2107

PRINTER'S NO. 2691

PRIME SPONSOR: Steele

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: HB 2107 PN 2691, creates a registry through which farmers can contact licensed hunters to manage deer populations. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 34 (Game) Section 901 (Powers and duties of enforcement officers) and creates a new Subchapter C (Mitigation of Damage)

Section 901 (Powers and duties of enforcement officers)

• Creates a new Subsection (a.1) which provides that an officer enforcing the provisions of this title shall not include the home address of any officer, when issuing a citation or special permit.

Subchapter C (Mitigation of Damage):

- Creates a new Section 2542 (Damage caused by deer or other game) which would provide that if
 deer or other game is causing damage to crops, vegetables, livestock, poultry or beehives on
 private land owned, operated or leased by a farmer, the farmer or an authorized agent may take
 mitigating measures; and
- Creates a new Section 2543 (Registry of responsible hunters) to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop and implement a registry of responsible hunters, within two years, to assist farmers to take mitigation measures allowed under Section 2542.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds, specifically the Game Fund. While the bill provides for the development and implementation of a registry and information listed within citations or special permits, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, this would be accomplished with available resources.

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