

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 522

**PRINTER NO.** 494

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Game Fund  
Fish Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 15, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Brooks

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 522 amends Title 34 (Game) and Title 30 (Fish) by making resident hunting and fishing licenses available at a discounted rate for volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth.

This bill requires the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to offer hunting and fishing licenses for one dollar to volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters need to provide documentation in which they volunteer for the previous 12 months in good standing in this Commonwealth.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission assumes that ten percent of the approximately 38,000 volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth are individuals who regularly purchase a resident adult hunting license at the cost of \$20.97 and projects an estimated revenue loss of \$75,000.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission assumes that about eight percent of the approximate 38,000 volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth are individuals who regularly purchase a fishing license at the cost of \$27.97 and projects an estimated revenue loss of up to \$85,000.