

This bill eliminates the Wildlife Habitat Authorization (\$6.00) that must be purchased annually as a pre-condition to purchasing other licenses. To compensate for the lost revenue, most license fees will be increased, with the majority of the increase going to the Wildlife habitat account. The remainder of the increase will go to retail agents and/or county search and rescue operations. Assuming license sales stay close to the same level as previous years, the impact of eliminating the habitat authorization will be revenue neutral.

This bill also increases elk hunting permits by \$5 for general season and \$50 for limited hunting programs. There will also be an increase of \$1 for age 65+ fishing licenses. These increases will bring an additional \$215,000 to the Wildlife restricted fund.

This bill also increases reimbursement to retail license agents and county search and rescue operations.

	<u><b>FY 01 Approp.</b></u>	<u><b>FY 02 Approp.</b></u>	<u><b>FY 01 Revenue</b></u>	<u><b>FY 02 Revenue</b></u>
GF Restrict-Wildlife Res.	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$215,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$215,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$215,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$215,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$215,000</b></u>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

- Individuals will no longer be required to purchase a habitat authorization, but will pay more for other licenses.
  - Individuals who purchase only one license per year will pay slightly less than the previous cost of one license plus the habitat authorization.
  - Individuals who purchase two or more licenses per year will pay slightly more than the previous cost of two licenses plus the habitat authorization.
  - In addition to the habitat fee change, individual elk hunters will pay \$5 or \$50 more depending on type of license.
  - In addition to the habitat fee change, individual anglers over age 65 will pay \$1 more.
  - Retail agents who sell licenses to the public will save time and money by the elimination of approximately 341,000 habitat authorization documents.
  - Retail agents will also receive an additional \$126,000 (aggregate) due to provisions of the bill to increase agent reimbursement.
  - Counties will receive an additional \$36,000 per year due to provisions of the bill to impose a \$0.25 surcharge on all license sales for search and rescue operations.
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