

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2926** by Geren (Relating to the licensing of marine manufacturers, dealers, and distributors.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2926, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Game, Fish, Water Safety Account</i> 9
2004	\$523,000
2005	\$0
2006	\$523,000
2007	\$0
2008	\$523,000

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill requires mandatory licensing of participants in the vessel and outboard motor industry that buy, sell or exchange 5 or more vessels or outboard motors in a calendar year. The fee for licensing a marine dealer would increase to \$500 or an amount set by the Parks and Wildlife Commission, whichever is higher. Finally, the bill would provide Game Wardens the authority to inspect business documents and records maintained by licensed dealers. The estimated revenue gain to Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 is \$523,000 in fiscal years 2004, 2006 and 2008. Boat dealer licenses are for a two-year period.

## **Methodology**

The estimated fiscal impact assumed a \$500 fee and was based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Census' *2000 County Business Patterns—Texas* on boat dealers, manufacturers, and distributors. Because the license would be for two years, the anticipated revenue would be expected to follow a two-year collection cycle.

Any additional workload created by the new inspection authority can be accomplished within existing Game Warden staffing levels.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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