

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 30, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

**IN RE: SB1837** by Staples (Relating to hunting and fishing stamps issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1837, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

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

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

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from GAME, FISH, WATER SAFETY AC 9</b>
2004	\$0
2005	\$4,123,000
2006	\$4,123,000
2007	\$4,123,000
2008	\$4,123,000

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill requires a freshwater fishing stamp, and requires freshwater anglers in the State of Texas purchase this stamp or endorsement in addition to a fishing license. Funds from these stamp sales are reserved for the repair, maintenance, renovation, or replacement of freshwater fish hatcheries and purchase of fish for stocking public waters. The bill eliminates the archery, muzzleloader, and freshwater trout stamp permits. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department estimates that the bill would generate a net revenue gain of \$4.1 million per fiscal year to Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9.

## **Methodology**

The revenue estimate was derived as follows.

Freshwater stamp sales were estimated using average annual sales of resident, non-resident, and special fishing licenses, and adjusted for the behavioral effect of higher fishing license prices and 5 percent of collections retained by licensed deputies.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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