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TO: Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB505 by Hilderbran (Relating to the discharge of a firearm across a property line; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 62 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to create a Class C misdemeanor when a person knowingly discharges a firearm across a property line. The bill would provide a defense to prosecution if the person owns the property on both sides of the property line or has a written agreement with effected property owners. The bill would be take effect September 1, 2005.

New misdemeanor convictions for discharging a firearm across a property line may generate additional revenue. However, no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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