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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: **HB552** by Phillips (Relating to exempting certain military personnel from the hunter education program.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB552, As Introduced: an impact of $0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	$0
2007	$0
2008	$0
2009	$0
2010	$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from *GAME,FISH,WATER SAFETY AC 9*
2006	($7,500)
2007	($7,500)
2008	($7,500)
2009	($7,500)
2010	($7,500)

The bill would amend Chapter 62 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to exempt active duty or honorably discharged military personnel from completion of hunter education for hunting on Texas state and private lands. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Fiscal Analysis

A revenue loss to the state is anticipated because this estimate assumes that approximately 15 percent (1,500 personnel) of 10,000 military personnel in Texas would take advantage of the exemption. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, this estimate of exempted personnel is reasonable because under federal regulations, hunter education certification would still be required in order to hunt on federal public lands in the state.

Methodology

Revenue loss to the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 is

estimated at $5 per student for a total of $7,500 in revenue loss per fiscal year, or $15,000 for the biennium ($5 x 1,500 = $7,500 per fiscal year).

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department
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