

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Frank Corte, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations

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

**IN RE: HB1076** by Crabb (Relating to reduced hunting and fishing license fees for certain military personnel.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1076, 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 <i>GAME, FISH, WATER SAFETY AC</i> <i>9</i>
2006	(\$796,676)
2007	(\$796,676)
2008	(\$796,676)
2009	(\$796,676)
2010	(\$796,676)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would allow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to establish lower or waive hunting and fishing license fees for active military personnel located in Texas.

The maximum annual revenue loss represents less than 1 percent of the \$111.6 million in annual revenue estimated to be deposited to the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 during the 2006-07 biennium.

**Methodology**

As of September 30, 2003, 114,196 active military personnel were located in Texas. Assuming the number of active military personnel that hunt and fish occurs in the same proportion as in the state's general population, an estimated 6,338 hunting licenses and 17,129 fishing licenses could be affected

by this legislation. The current cost for a resident hunting license is \$23. The cost of a resident fishing license ranges from a total of \$28 to \$38, depending on fishing stamps included. Assuming the license fees were waived, the maximum revenue loss to General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 is estimated to be \$796,676 per fiscal year.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant 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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