

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 30, 2009

TO: Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

IN RE: HB4284 by Gonzalez Toureilles (Relating to the criminal penalty for capturing, transporting, or transplanting white-tailed or mule deer without a permit.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to create a state jail felony for intentionally capturing, transporting, or transplanting a white-tailed, or mule deer without obtaining the required permits, or by intentionally violating one or more terms of the permit. Increasing the penalty for intentionally capturing, transporting, or transplanting a deer from a Class B Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor to a state jail felony will increase the fine revenue per violation; however, the number of violations would be expected to decline. To the extent the bill would reclassify offenses with corresponding fine revenue per violation, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

LBB Staff: JOB, TB, WK