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TO: Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3969** by Smith (Relating to the hunting or fishing license fee waiver for certain individuals.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3969, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from Game, Fish, Water Safety Act
2016	(\$200,000)
2017	(\$209,000)
2018	(\$216,000)
2019	(\$224,000)
2020	(\$229,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code to allow residents age 62 and over to purchase a reduced price hunting license currently available to residents age 16 and under and age 65 and over.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Methodology

Based on information provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, 10,360 resident hunting licenses were issued to those ages 62 to 64 in fiscal year 2014. The bill would reduce the fee for those in this age group from \$25 to \$7. The resulting difference of \$18 per license would total \$186,000 based on 2014 license sales. Based on the analysis of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the revenue loss each fiscal year in the table above has been adjusted to reflect estimated population growth.

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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