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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 205

DATE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2000

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2000

SUBJECT: Nonresident youth hunting licenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a nonresident youth to obtain a resident fishing, hunting, or trapping license if the youth's parent, grandparent, or guardian is a resident of Indiana.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) This bill would allow a youth (defined as less than 18 years of age or younger) not residing in Indiana to obtain a resident fishing, hunting, or trapping license if the youth's parent, grandparent, or guardian is an Indiana resident. There is currently a resident youth yearly consolidated hunting license for which the annual fee is \$6. There are no nonresident hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses specifically for youths. Fees for nonresident hunting and fishing yearly licenses are \$60.75, \$24.75, and \$117.75 respectively. (A nonresident yearly license to trap may not be issued to a resident of another state if that state does not give reciprocity rights to Indiana residents similar to those nonresident trapping privileges extended in Indiana.) Other licenses to hunt, fish, or trap for shorter-term periods may be less expensive, but are still generally greater for nonresidents than for residents.

This proposal could result in a decrease in revenue if many youths who would have purchased nonresident licenses now obtain resident licenses. However, the number of individuals affected by this bill is not expected to be great.

In 1997, 45,836 resident youth yearly consolidated licenses for hunting were purchased, generating \$275,016 in revenue. Total revenue from license and other fees collected by the Department of Natural Resources in FY 1998 exceeded \$14 M.

Most fees collected from the sale of licenses are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to

finance the operations of the DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement. The Game Bird Habitat Fund receives \$4 from each nonresident hunting license sold and \$40 from each nonresident deer license sold. The Deer Research Fund receives \$20 from each nonresident deer license sold.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, (317) 232-4080.