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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7357

BILL NUMBER: SB 186

DATE PREPARED: Feb 7, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 6, 2001

SUBJECT: Hunting Safety.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a hunter to wear at least one orange colored outer garment when hunting for deer, rabbit, squirrel, woodcock, pheasant, quail, or ruffed grouse. The bill makes a violation of this provision a Class D infraction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Natural Resources may experience additional administrative expenses associated with notifying the public of the change. The Department should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues: A violation of the proposed provision constitutes a Class D infraction. If additional court cases occur, revenue to the State General Fund may increase if infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class D infraction is \$25 which is deposited in the State General Fund. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the State General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would be assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund.

(3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement the compensation of jury members.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: