

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 676 (Delegate Weir)

Environmental Matters

Snow Goose Hunting - Nonresidents

This bill allows nonresidents to hunt snow geese without a resident or nonresident Maryland hunting license if: (1) the nonresident possesses a valid consolidated or similar hunting license from the nonresident's home state; (2) the nonresident purchases a Maryland migratory waterfowl stamp; and (3) the nonresident's home state allows a Maryland resident to hunt snow geese without a nonresident hunting license from the home state (the Maryland resident must possess a valid Maryland consolidated hunting license and purchase a migratory waterfowl stamp from the home state).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in Department of Natural Resources (DNR) special fund revenues. Potential minimal revenue loss.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Department of Natural Resources estimates that a very limited number (less than 10 annually) of nonresident hunters come to Maryland to hunt for snow geese, exclusively. Most hunters hunt a variety of waterfowl while in the State. The bill provides that nonresidents who possess a hunting license in their home state, may hunt snow geese in Maryland by purchasing only a wild waterfowl stamp. It is estimated that approximately 100 additional nonresidents would come to Maryland to hunt snow geese and have to purchase a waterfowl stamp at a cost of \$6. The resulting revenue increase would be \$600. Any

revenue loss associated with nonresidents not having to purchase a Maryland hunting license is assumed to be minimal because not many out-of-state hunters come to Maryland just to hunt snow geese. Enforcement could be handled with DNR's existing resources.

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