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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 499 (Delegates Weir and Guns)

Environmental Matters

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

This bill authorizes the Governor to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The bill provides for: (1) the purposes of the compact; (2) procedures for states issuing citations for wildlife violations to persons residing in participating states; (3) procedures for home states of residents receiving wildlife citations from participating states; (4) reciprocal recognition of the suspension of privileges by participating states; (5) the board of compact administrators; (6) entry into and withdrawal from the compact; (7) amending the compact; and (8) the construction and severability of the compact.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of the bill could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Department of Natural Resources and the Administrative Office of the Courts. Fine revenue is expected to remain constant.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: There are a number of states that have statutes providing for participation in the Wildlife Violator Compact, including New Hampshire, New Jersey, West Virginia, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah. Other states are currently considering legislation that would enable them to enter the compact.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Natural Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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