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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 472, L.D. 643, Bill, "An Act to Permit Forest Fire Wardens and Forest Rangers to Carry Weapons"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

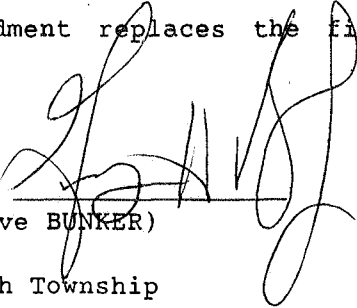
FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to submit a written policy to the Legislature which allows a forest ranger to carry a weapon. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

The written policy that is developed could result in significant General Fund costs. A policy that requires all forest rangers to carry a department issued weapon could result in additional General Fund appropriations of as much as \$200,000 for the first year of implementation and approximately \$70,000 for every year thereafter. However, if the policy allows forest rangers to carry their own weapons and to bear the cost of any required training, then the additional costs would be minimal.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the fiscal note on the committee amendment.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT