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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 58, L.D. 90, "An Act to Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older to Use a Subpermittee to Harvest Deer"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §11164 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 24 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

3. Subpermittees. An applicant for a permit under this section shall indicate on the application filed pursuant to subsection 2 the name of a subpermittee-designate who possesses a valid license to hunt. Thirty days prior to the start of the applicable deer hunting season, the subpermittee-designate becomes a subpermittee. The permittee may authorize the subpermittee to hunt deer with the permittee and to harvest deer on behalf of the permittee. The subpermittee must be accompanied by the permittee at all times during the hunt. The permittee may choose not to authorize a subpermittee to hunt deer with the permittee and to harvest deer on the permittee's behalf.

A. A person may not sell a subpermittee designation.

B. A person who violates paragraph A commits a Class E crime.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds the requirement that the subpermittee must be accompanied by the permittee at all times during the deer hunt. The amendment also prohibits a person from selling a subpermittee designation and creates a Class E crime for the violation of that prohibition. This language mirrors the moose subpermittee program prohibition on the sale of a subpermittee designation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 222(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

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Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes a licensed hunter 70 years of age or older to apply for a permit with a fee of \$1, which allows hunter to designate a subpermittee to harvest a deer on the hunter's behalf. Any additional revenue from the permit fee is not anticipated to be significant. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife anticipates there will be programming costs to incorporate the subpermittee system into the licensing application used by the department. These costs will depend on the specific programming changes identified by the IT vendor and are expected to be significant.