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Bill Number:	H. 4820	Introduced on January 10, 2024
Author:	Forrest	
Subject:	Turkey Season	
Requestor:	House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Miller	
Impact Date:	January 17, 2024	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies turkey season will be from April 10th through May 10th for all game zones in the state and sets the male wild turkey season bag limit to two statewide. Currently, turkey season varies between the four game zones within the state, and the male wild turkey bag limit for residents is three statewide. This bill creates a slightly shorter and uniform turkey season across the state and decreases the male wild turkey bag limit by one turkey for residents. This bill takes effect upon signing of the governor, and the provisions of this bill will expire five years after the effective date.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) indicates it can manage any administrative costs associated with enacting this bill within existing resources and current appropriations.

Additionally, this bill may result in a minimal decrease of Other Funds revenue due to the potential for fewer purchases of wild turkey tag sets by residents due to the lower bag limit and slightly shorter turkey hunting season.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2024

State Expenditure

This bill specifies turkey season will be from April 10th through May 10th for all game zones in the state and sets the male wild turkey season bag limit to two statewide. Currently, turkey season is April 1 through May 10 in Game Zones 1 and 2 and March 22 through April 30 in Game Zones 3 and 4, and the male wild turkey bag limit for residents is three statewide. This bill creates a slightly shorter and uniform turkey season across the state and decreases the male wild turkey bag limit by one turkey for residents. This bill takes effect upon signing of the governor, and the provisions of this bill will expire five years after the effective date. DNR indicates it can manage any administrative costs associated with enacting this bill within existing resources and current appropriations.

State Revenue

This bill decreases the male wild turkey bag limit by one for residents and shortens the turkey hunting season. Currently, turkey tags are sold as a set of three for residents for \$5, a set of two for \$100 for non-residents, and provided at no cost to persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime licensees, and gratis licensees upon request. The revenue for these turkey tags is deposited into the Fish & Wildlife Protection Fund Turkey account, minus \$1 per set retained by the license sales vendor. For reference, in FY 2022-23, DNR issued 51,717 sets of turkey tags to residents, 323,322 sets to non-residents, and 6,360 to persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime licensees, or gratis licensees. This bill will require the set of turkey tags sold to residents to include only two tags. This may result in a minimal decrease of Other Funds revenue due to the potential for fewer purchases of sets of wild turkey tags by residents because of the decreased bag limit and slightly shorter season.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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