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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6956

BILL NUMBER: HB 1152

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Exotic Mammals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Gutwein

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a person from taking an exotic mammal or a mammal that is enclosed by a fence. It makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: IC 14-22-31-7 provides that a person issued a shooting preserve license may propagate and offer for hunting the following animals that are captive reared and released: pheasant, quail, chukar partridges, properly marked mallard ducks, and other game bird species. The law also provides that the shooting preserve may also offer species of exotic mammals that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determines by rule can be offered. The DNR has not adopted a rule that allows for a shooting preserve to offer for hunting any exotic mammals. Consequently, the bill will have no fiscal impact.

Background. A resident may not take game birds and exotic mammals on a shooting preserve unless the person has a hunting license. Nonresidents must possess a special license to shoot on licensed shooting preserves. The DNR issued 627 licenses in 2005 for nonresidents to hunt on shooting preserves.

Certain exotic mammals can be possessed under the wild animal possession permit. Exotic cervids and Russian boar can be possessed without a state permit. Possession of any cervids requires registration with the Board of Animal Health. DNR staff and law enforcement officers inspect facilities where a state permit is required as part of the application process and annually for renewal of the application.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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