#### TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

## **Economic Impact Statement**

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# <u>IC 4-22-2.1-5</u> Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources estimates that the proposed rule will not impose requirements or costs on small businesses.

## Estimated Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Small Businesses Will Incur for Compliance:

None.

### **Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:**

None.

### **Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:**

Not applicable.

### **Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:**

The proposed rules in this package from the Department of Natural Resources allow an individual to carry a handgun on a Department property as well as while hunting deer and turkey and the chasing of raccoon, as long as the person has a valid unlimited license (also known as the personal protection license) to carry a handgun or is exempt from needing a license to carry a handgun (such as law enforcement officers). The purpose of the rule amendments are to allow a person who has met all legal requirements for a handgun license to be able to exercise their constitutional right to carry a handgun, even on Department property and while hunting or chasing a wild animal. The individual must comply with the laws governing the possession of a handgun. There will be no economic impact to small businesses as a result of these rules.

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