

Economic Impact Statement
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[IC 4-22-2.1-5](#) Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:

Eighty (80) businesses that may be impacted by the changes to [312 IAC 9-10-12](#) governing the fur buyer license.

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

\$250 per year (\$10 per hour times five hours per year for administrative work and up to \$200 for costs for disposal of carcasses at a rendering facility, incinerator, or landfill) for a business that needs to submit the annual report form, including completing the application form and submitting it to the DNR.

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:

\$250 per year. The cost for the fur buyer license is still the same, but there may be additional costs for disposing of carcasses.

Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:

The only new costs are those associated with taking carcasses and other wild animal parts to an incinerator, landfill, or other disposal facility that may charge to take the carcasses and other parts. However, fur buyers that are already taking in other wild animals may be already using these services and this will not be a new cost. Licensed fur buyers will still have the option of burying or composting the carcasses, which will not cost anything.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:

The only alternative is to not require proper disposal of carcasses and their parts, which will continue to lead to complaints from landowners adjacent to licensed fur buyers, or to provide more options for disposal. However, these options for disposal are consistent with requirements for disposal of domestic animals under the Board of Animal Health rules and will help prevent noxious odors or insect infestations due to carcasses and other wild animal parts.

The DNR is required to develop rules that are based upon "(A) The welfare of the wild animal, (B) The relationship of the wild animal to other animals, and (C) The welfare of the people in [IC 14-22-2-6](#)". The DNR does not believe that any other alternatives are necessary since burial and composting of carcasses, which do not cost anything, are still legal options.

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