
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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:

None.

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

N/A.

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses To Comply:

None.

Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:

There are no new requirements or costs for small businesses.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:

Because there are no impacts upon small businesses there are no alternative methods for consideration. It is noted, that while no small business is subject to the proposed rule, there may be indirect fiscal impacts upon a limited number of small businesses. These indirect fiscal impacts will largely be positive.

These rule changes will allow for the use of a different type muzzleloader for deer hunting as the result of changes to [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) and for the use of the .410 rifle and No. 9 tungsten super shot for turkey hunting as the result of changes to [312 IAC 9-4-11](#). These changes may provide for increased sales of this type equipment, which may have indirect positive fiscal impacts upon hunting equipment retail businesses, some of which may qualify as small businesses.

The language for the density of the shot allows all of the current turkey shot to be used, but sets forth requirements for the density of the shot for sizes 4 through 6 that would be allowed with the rule change. This amendment is proposed for the purpose of restricting shot compositions to those that will remain effective to assure a quick kill on a wild turkey at 40 yards or less, while reducing the severity of accidental shooting of humans. According to an examination of the national database of turkey related shooting incidents, 40 yards is the point at which a hunter's ability to correctly identify the intended target drops off significantly. Currently, No. 4, 5, and 6 tungsten super shot and larger shot diameters (3, 2, 1 T, 4B), which approach the capability of rifle projectiles at longer distances (e.g., >60-70 yards to 100 and beyond) are not commercially marketed for turkey hunting but are available for predator, wild pig, and deer hunting (where legal) and could be used for turkey hunting in the future. Since these shot sizes have not been legal for wild turkey hunting in the past, this restriction on shot sizes, as proposed in the rule, would have only minimal effects on small businesses and the restriction is necessary to prevent accidents.

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