SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5618

As Reported By Senate Committee On: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, March 1, 1999

Title: An act relating to establishing fees for recreational and commercial licenses.

Brief Description: Establishing minimum fees for recreational and hunting licenses.

Sponsors: Senator Jacobsen; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation: 2/24/99, 3/1/99 [DP-WM].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; T. Sheldon, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Morton, Oke, Rossi, Snyder, Spanel, Stevens.

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Background: Fees for recreational fishing and hunting and commercial fishing licenses are specified in statute.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission could be given the authority to establish these fees as it sees fit.

Summary of Bill: The Fish and Wildlife Commission must establish fees for hunting, recreational and commercial fishing licenses, tags and permits. The fees may be increased but not decreased from January 1, 1999, levels.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 16, 1999.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The Fish and Wildlife Commission requests the authority to set fees for recreational fishing, hunting and commercial fishing licenses.

Testimony Against: The Legislature has traditionally set the fees for recreational and commercial licenses.

Testified: No one.