

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 665 - HB 1328

March 9, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits the fee that the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) may charge to that of a commercial fisherman license in regards to licenses for non-commercial rental of non-motorized vessels. Authorizes the TFWC to implement a parking pass system, which may include a reasonable fee for each outfitter based on the number of vehicles or trailers in use by an outfitter. Establishes that the abovementioned fees are the only permissible fees that the TFWC may assess in regards to regulation of commercial operations that lease or rent non-motorized vessels for non-commercial use.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 969 of the Public Acts of 2018 authorized the TFWC to establish rules, regulations, permits, and procedures regulating to all aspects of commercial operations that lease or rent non-motorized vessels for non-commercial use by the public on the waters of Tennessee.
- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, the TFWC adopted rules in regard to fees assigned to these outfitters of non-motorized non-commercial vessels in January 2019. Such rules are currently on hold pursuant to the Governor's 90-day moratorium on filing new rules with the Secretary of State. The adopted rules did not include any fees.
- It is assumed the TWFC has not collected any fees since the effective date for Public Chapter 969, which was July 1, 2018.
- Limiting the amount of any fees to that of the commercial fisherman license will not significantly impact fee revenue deposited into the Wildlife Resources Fund (WRF).
- Authorizing the TFWC to implement a parking pass system, including a reasonable fee for each outfitter, is not anticipated to significantly impact fee revenue to the WRF on the basis the adopted rule implies the regulation of these operations do not necessitate the imposition of any fee.
- Any impact on revenue deposited to the WRF is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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