

Fiscal Impact Statement

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BILL: HB1059, As originally introduced
SPONSOR: Unger

SUBTITLE:

TO PROVIDE THE OPTION FOR A FREE LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE TO A COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER WHO IS A RESIDENT AND PROVIDES CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

TOPIC

√ LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

AFFECTED FUNDS

√ Special Revenue (Game and Fish Commission)

REVENUE IMPACT

√ Cost of \$2,000 per Fiscal Year starting in FY2026

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

- Single report per case
- Every rescued victim is associated with a case
- Similar reporting rate among commercial truck drivers over time and regions
- Non-transferable lifetime license
- Cost to agency was defined as current price of a lifetime license
- The price of the lifetime license is unchanged during the time of analysis
- Self-identification of profession
- Data
 - Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
 - Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - U.S. Department of Justice

- National Human Trafficking Hotline
- Arkansas Judicial Annual Summary (Administrative Office of the Courts Office of Research and Justice Statistics)
- Arkansas Department of Public Safety
 - Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC)
 - Arkansas Human Trafficking Council

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

√ Results are limited by:

- Reporting trends by commercial truck drivers
- Future growth of commercial truck drivers that are Arkansas residents
- Length of legal proceedings
- Availability of data related to the tracking and usage of natural resources within the state
- Accuracy of information provided by callers, such as their profession

√ Current Bill does not designate who or how reimbursement will be implemented.