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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Natural Resources

Primary Sponsors: Reps. D. Thomas and Deeter

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill will likely result in a loss of revenue for the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) totaling several hundred thousand dollars per year. It allows Ohio residents aged 65 and older to qualify for discounted hunting and fishing licenses and permits instead of age 66 and older as in current law.
- Grant revenue tied to the number of hunting and fishing licenses sold under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Grant programs would be unaffected by the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows Ohio residents who are 65 and older, instead of 66 and older, to qualify for discounted hunting and fishing licenses and permits. As a result, the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) would incur a loss of revenue potentially reaching several hundred thousand dollars per year. Because Fund 7015 would still receive revenue from the sale of the discounted hunting and fishing licenses, federal grants tied to the number of hunting and fishing licenses sold in the state would be unaffected. Under the federal Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Grants, the state must collect at least \$1 of revenue to be counted as sold. Together these grants provide tens of millions of dollars each year to Fund 7015. The licenses and permits affected by the bill are shown in the table below.

Price Difference for Ohio Residents in Applicable Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits under H.B. 64		
License or Permit	Regular Price	Discounted Price
Hunting/fishing license	\$18.00/\$24.00	\$9.00
Deer permit or wild turkey permit	\$30.00	\$11.00
Fur taker permit	\$14.00	\$7.00
Three-year hunting/fishing licenses	\$52.00/\$69.34	\$26.00
Five-year hunting/fishing license	\$86.75/\$115.56	\$43.34
Lifetime hunting/fishing license	\$432.00/\$576.00	\$81.00