



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 165 of the 131st G.A.

**Date:** April 14, 2016

**Status:** As Passed by the House

**Sponsor:** Rep. Green

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Allows individuals on active military duty to hunt deer or wild turkey without obtaining a permit while on leave or furlough

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) would lose some revenues from sales of deer and wild turkey permits, which would no longer be required for active duty members of the military who are on leave or furlough. The loss would most likely be minimal.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, any active duty member of the U.S. military who is on leave or furlough may hunt or fish in Ohio without obtaining a hunting or fishing license, a fur taker permit, or a wetlands habitat stamp when those licenses or permits would otherwise be required. However, a member of the military on leave or furlough must still obtain a deer or wild turkey permit in order to hunt deer or wild turkey in the state. The bill would remove this exception and also allow these individuals to hunt deer or wild turkey without those permits.

Overall, because individuals who are on leave or furloughed from the military would no longer be required to purchase deer or wild turkey permits under the bill, there would be some loss to the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015), which collects the fees charged for these permits. The current standard adult rates are \$15 for an antlerless deer permit, \$24 for an either-sex deer permit, and \$24 for a turkey permit. However, because there is no current requirement for on-leave or furloughed members of the military to identify themselves as such when applying for a deer or wild turkey permit, LSC cannot reliably determine how many individuals would no longer be required to purchase these permits under the bill. It is likely that this number would represent a relatively small percentage of all purchasers of deer and turkey permits, and consequently would likely not cause a substantial loss in revenues to Fund 7015.