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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0057
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Subject: Wild Turkey Hunting
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$51,900	\$51,900
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

The Department of Natural Resources indicates this bill will have an expenditure impact of approximately \$51,900 for printing and mailing expenses. This cost may cease in the fall of 2017 (see note below).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 57 amends Chapter 11, Title 50 relating to the hunting of wild turkey. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate emergency regulations to control the harvesting of wild turkey in game zones. The Department is required to conduct an analysis of the wild turkey resource and report to the General Assembly annually. The bill establishes "Youth Turkey Hunting Day" and provides guidelines; and authorizes the Department to issue an "archery only" turkey tag. The bill increases penalties for the unlawful taking of wild turkey. The bill requires all turkey transportation tags to be validated before a turkey can be moved from the point of kill. The bill suspends the hunting seasons specified in Section 50-11-520 and sets a new statewide season until November 7, 2017 at which time Section 50-11-520 again takes effect and Section 50-11-580 is repealed.

The Department of Natural Resources estimates that the agency will incur costs of approximately \$51,900 for printing and mailing the form that contains the archery only tag, as provided for in Section 50-11-580(C). There is no fee charged for the tag itself.

NOTE: If Section 50-11-580(C) is repealed as stated in the bill on November 7, 2017 then printing and mailing costs would only be required for approximately two years (from the date of enactment to Nov. 7, 2017). However, printing and mailing costs would recur annually if the Department's annual reports on turkey hunting and management indicate that "archery only" hunting tags are warranted, and if the General Assembly adopts DNR's recommendations.

State Revenue

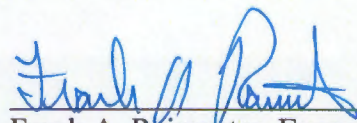
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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