



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 199 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: October 11, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Burkley and Hackett

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Permits possession of wild turkeys, wild boar, and feral hogs that have been struck and killed by motor vehicles

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may result in a slight increase in administrative costs to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) resulting from additional runs made by officers investigating motor vehicle accidents involving wild turkeys, wild boar, and feral hogs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may result in a slight increase in administrative costs for county sheriffs and local law enforcement agencies resulting from additional runs made by officers investigating motor vehicle accidents involving wild turkeys, wild boar, and feral hogs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, a driver of a motor vehicle that strikes a deer on a highway and causes its death may take possession of the deer, provided that the driver reports the accident within 24 hours to a wildlife officer or other law enforcement officer. If the responding officer finds that the death has been caused as alleged, the officer is required to issue the driver a certificate for legal ownership of the deer. The bill adds wild turkeys, wild boar, and feral hogs to the list of wild animals that may be claimed in this manner. Current law also provides that deer unclaimed by the driver may be claimed by a public or private institution or charity or another person. The bill includes wild turkeys among the animals that may be claimed by a third party. Overall, the bill could result in a slight increase in administrative costs for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), county sheriffs, and local law enforcement agencies as a result of additional runs made by officers to investigate and issue certificates for legal ownership. Any additional costs would depend on the number of drivers who wish to claim a permitted animal that they have struck and killed, a number which would not likely be more than minimal.