



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 271
SPONSOR: Representative Carson
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING GAME AND FISH.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act eliminates the prohibition against hunting game birds on Sundays.
3. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has the authority to establish and regulate season dates, bag limits, and enforcement for hunting game birds. It is assumed that 4-5 days a month of game bird hunting would be added to the 9 month season.
4. To ensure education, compliance, and enforcement, DNREC will incur the following costs associated with Sunday game bird hunting:
 - a. Recurring GF Costs: \$90,671
 - i. \$80,671 in the Fiscal Year 2025 personnel costs for overtime pay for Natural Resource Officers, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.94%.
 - ii. \$6,500 for contractual costs for fleet vehicles, cell phones, etc.
 - iii. \$3,500 for supply costs for boat and ATV fuel.
5. A 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025: \$90,671
Fiscal Year 2026: \$92,284
Fiscal Year 2027: \$93,930

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