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### **H.636 An act relating to miscellaneous fish and wildlife subjects – House Natural Resources, Fish And Wildlife Recommendation Of Amendment – Draft 1.7**

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/House%20Natural/Bills/H.636/H.636~Michael%20Grady~As%20Recommended~2-9-2018.pdf>

#### **Bill Summary**

This bill contains numerous policy provisions that fall within the purview of the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (Department). The provisions apply to, but are not limited to, the duties of the commissioner, fish & wildlife lands, lottery applications, waterfowl stamps, law enforcement, and coyote hunting.

#### **Fiscal Impacts**

Sec. 4 – The Department estimates that any lost revenue from sharing \$1.50 of future lottery applications with license agencies would be offset by a reduction in internal printing and postage costs due to the Department processing fewer applications in-house. Minimal impact.

Sec. 13 – The rulemaking process would require staff time that the Department has budgeted. The Department has not budgeted for additional trapper education courses that it estimates would be required when the rule goes into effect. However, the section of law to which the rule would apply would not go into effect until January 1, 2020, so the Department could build the cost of the additional courses into its FY20 budget. Some impact, cost unknown at this time, would be in FY20.

Sec. 15 and 18 – Both sections would require additional staff time. The Department has budgeted for this extra time. Minimal impact.