

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

DESCRIPTION: This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits, application periods and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposal would amend the current version of the regulation changing the age of the supervising adult during the youth season from 21 to 18 years of age to conform with changes in hunter education law effective January 1, 2005.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that 38,525 permits and 14,600 turkey game tags will be issued in 2005. The estimated 38,525 permits include 23,400 regular resident permits, 8,600 landowner-tenant permits, 6,500 non-resident permits, and 75 youth permits. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$939,200. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the spring turkey season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 215,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public or on other state agencies is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None