# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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# Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill**: Am. H.B. 234 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: April 14, 2014

**Status**: As Passed by the House **Sponsor**: Reps. Grossman and Becker

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required**: No

**Contents**: Noise suppressed hunting firearms

## State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

## Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

### Silenced firearms

The bill authorizes a person who holds a valid hunting license to use a suppressor attached to a firearm while hunting game birds or wild quadrupeds and exempts that person from the existing dangerous ordnance prohibition. The practical effect of this change is that there may be fewer violations of certain restrictions concerning the use of silenced firearms in hunting. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife, which has enforcement authority over hunting violations, is not aware of any arrests or prosecutions for hunting with a silenced firearm. Thus, the bill is not likely to discernibly affect the operations of county and municipal criminal justice systems with jurisdiction over such matters, which means that there will be no direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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