

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

115-14-14. Falconry; taking, banding, transporting, and possessing raptors.

DESCRIPTION: This new administrative regulation details taking, banding, transporting and possessing raptors. The provisions contained in the previous regulations as well as provisions from federal regulations are included in the new regulation. The provisions include hunting license requirements, capture devices, permission from the landowner, number of raptors that may be taken, threatened or endangered species, reporting take of raptors, recapture of raptors, identification of raptors taken, and release of raptors.

FEDERAL MANDATE: The practice of falconry and the management of raptors as migratory species is governed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any state falconry program must be approved by the USFWS and must operate within federal limits. Kansas has had a federally-approved program since 1988. The opportunity exists to move from a dual management system to a state-only managed system with federal oversight.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.