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INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PROPERTY TAX REFUND Tax Checkoff for the General Fund

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	X	

Department of Revenue
Analysis of H.F. 181 (Scott) / S.F. 294 (Benson)

	<u>Fund Impact</u>			
	<u>F.Y. 2012</u>	<u>F.Y. 2013</u>	<u>F.Y. 2014</u>	<u>F.Y. 2015</u>
General Fund	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

(000's)

Effective beginning with tax year 2011.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current law allows a taxpayer to donate \$1 or more to the Nongame Wildlife Fund via a checkoff on the individual income tax form or the property tax refund form. The bill creates a second checkoff that would allow a similar contribution to the General Fund.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The nongame wildlife checkoff raised about \$1 million in tax year 2009 from income tax return checkoffs and another \$86,000 from the property tax refund checkoff.
- Although most states have one or more checkoffs, they are targeted to specific purposes.
- Missouri has a checkoff for the general fund, but the amount raised is unknown. The general fund checkoff is just one of 18 checkoffs for that state. Therefore Missouri's experience is unlikely to be directly relevant to the proposal.
- Taxpayer response is unknown.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Tax Research Division
http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy

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