

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2703

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Bloxom

3. Committee Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

4. Title Saltwater recreational fishing license

- 5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill removes the seaside exemption from the requirement to have a saltwater fishing license when fishing in tidal waters. In addition, the bill exempts a person fishing from property he owns or rents, or his nonpaying guest or immediate family, from having to obtain a saltwater recreational fishing license. Currently, the exemption is limited to the person who owns property or his nonpaying guest or immediate family member. Persons fishing from a federal park or reserve located on the Eastern shore would also be exempted from having to obtain a license.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02	\$75,000	0.00	NGF
2002-03	\$75,000	0.00	NGF

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02	\$75,000	0.00	NGF
2002-03	\$75,000	0.00	NGF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 426

- 8. Fiscal implications:** The Marine Resources Commission estimates removing the exemption for seaside fishing from the requirements for a saltwater recreational fishing license will result in a revenue increase of \$75,000 for the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Fund (an additional 10,000 licenses sold at \$7.50 per license). The other changes to the licensing requirements in the bill will have a minimal fiscal impact. The Code restricts the use of the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Fund to areas covered by saltwater licenses. The additional expenditures will fund projects that benefit ocean fishermen and seaside jurisdictions.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

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