

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB138

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

2. **Patron** Abbitt

3. **Committee** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. **Title** Firearms in turkey season

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill prohibits the use of firearms other than flintlock rifles with iron or open sites or shotguns during spring turkey season. Violation of this new provision is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are Not Available:** SEE ITEM 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** Persons violating the provisions of this legislation are subject to a fine. Any additional fiscal impact caused by violators of this legislation would be imposed on enforcement through the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and on the court system. However, there is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many violators would be prosecuted as a result of this proposal.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, court system, and localities.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources