

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB613

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

2. Patron: Bloxom

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

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. The bill expands the saltwater fishing exemption to include 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: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	\$70,000	0.00	NGF
2003-04	\$70,000	0.00	NGF

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	\$70,000	0.00	NGF
2003-04	\$70,000	0.00	NGF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, Item 397, "Marine Life Management."

8. Fiscal implications: The Marine Resources Commission estimates that removing the exemption for seaside fishing from the requirements for a saltwater recreational fishing license will result in a revenue increase of \$70,000 for the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (an additional 10,000 licenses sold with a net revenue of \$7 per license). The other changes to the licensing requirements in the bill will have a minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue generated through the sale of saltwater recreational fishing licenses and deposited in the Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Development Fund is used for a variety of projects to conserve and enhance finfish, improve recreational fishing opportunities, and conduct research for fisheries habitats. The Code restricts the use of the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Fund to geographical areas covered by saltwater licenses. The bill will allow funding of 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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