

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB850

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

2. **Patron** Stump

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

4. **Title** Hunting of elk

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The bill authorizes a county or city to prohibit the hunting of elk within its boundaries. If such a prohibition is enacted through an ordinance, the locality is required to notify the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that such an ordinance has been adopted. The locality may impose a penalty of a Class 1 misdemeanor for a violation of the ordinance.

The bill contains an emergency clause and will become effective from the date of passage.

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 may be subject to being sentenced to jail terms. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional prisoners in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor held in jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the total state support for local jails averaged \$30.94 per inmate, per day in FY 2000.

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

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources