

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB978

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pollard

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

**4. Title:** Fishing master guide license

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Create a fishing master guide license for owners of recreational headboats or charter boats, and include fees and other requirements for obtaining such a license. An applicant for a master guide license must complete an apprenticeship program under a captain holding a Virginia master guide license.

**6. See item 8.**

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill, lines 37 – 39, provides that “The Commission may reduce the fee charged for the recreational fishing license under subsection B by an amount not equal to the fee for the fishing guide or master guide license.” The Marine Resources Commission believes that the additional revenue generated through the issuance of master guide licenses will be offset by a reduction in the fee charged for the recreational fishing license to those individuals.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Marine Resources Committee.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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