

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB978

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

2. Patron: Pollard

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Fishing Class II Guide License

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill creates a fishing Class II guide license for captains of recreational headboats or charter boats, and includes fees and other requirements for obtaining such a license. An applicant for a Class III license must complete an apprenticeship program under a captain holding a Virginia master guide license. The legislation does not become effective unless reenacted by the 2003 Session of the General Assembly.

6. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill, lines 35 – 37, provides that “The Commission may reduce the fee charged for the recreational fishing license under subsection B by an amount equal to the fee for the fishing guide or Class II guide license.” The Marine Resources Commission believes that the additional revenue generated through the issuance of Class I 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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