

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB978

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<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: 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 effective date of the legislation is April 1, 2003.

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 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 II 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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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources