

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB297

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

2. Patron: Chichester

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Protection of certain female crabs; penalty

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill makes it unlawful to catch, hold, possess, offer for sale, or sell an egg-bearing female crab or a female crab from which the egg pouch, sponge, or union has been removed. Any violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

6. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Persons violating the provisions of this legislation are subject to being sentenced to jail terms. A class 2 misdemeanor sentence is up to six months in jail. 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 inmate held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, such as 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 FY2000.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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