

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1490

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 Pollard

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Fishing Class II guide license

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill creates a fishing Class II guide license for owners of recreational headboats or charter boats, and includes fees and other requirements for obtaining such a license. An applicant for a Class II guide license must complete an apprenticeship program under a captain holding a Virginia guide license. An identical bill passed into law in 2002 that contained a reenactment clause for the 2003 Session of the General Assembly in order for it to take effect.

6. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill, lines 39 – 41, provides that “The Commission may reduce the fee charged for the saltwater 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.

The fiscal implication of this bill are not affected by the proposed increases in saltwater recreational fishing license fee revenue included in the Governor’s introduced budget bill, House Bill 1400, or other proposed legislation to increase the fees.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources