

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1612

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 Cole

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title Hunting dogs; prohibits hunter from releasing on posted property.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Prohibits a hunter from releasing his dogs on another person's posted land for the purpose of pursuing, taking, chasing, flushing, or killing game or wild animals, without the landowner's permission. The penalty for violating this prohibition is a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill also contains a rebuttable presumption provision.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are indeterminate.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

The proposed legislation establishes a Class 4 misdemeanor penalty. The punishment for conviction for a Class 4 misdemeanor is a fine of not more than \$250. Revenue generated from such fines is deposited to the Literary Fund. Any revenue impact will depend on the number of convictions.

Any expenditure impact to the court system will be dependent on the number of hearings. According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact on that agency.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the court system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources