Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number HB2200	
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	Second House	e In Committee Substitute Enrolled
2.	Patron	Abbitt
3.	Committee	Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
4.	Title	Crossbow license.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Creates a special crossbow license that must be purchased in order to hunt with such a weapon during special archery seasons. The cost of the license will be set by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, but cannot exceed one and one-half times the cost of a basic hunting license. Under current law, only disabled people who meet certain agency criteria are allowed to hunt with a crossbow. To hunt with a crossbow, a person must also purchase the special archery license and the basic hunting license.

- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Indeterminate. See item 8, below.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

As the special crossbow license provided for in the legislation must be purchased in addition to a basic license and an archery license, there may be a positive nongeneral fund revenue impact. However, any impact is indeterminate and would depend on the number of licenses purchased. The legislation also sets the license fee at an amount of not more than one and one-half times the cost of the basic hunting license. The amount of a basic license fee is currently \$12.00.

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources