

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2200

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| 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 Abbitt

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Crossbow license.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to create a separate crossbow license. The cost of the license will be set by the Board, 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:

If the Board elects to establish a special crossbow license provided for in the legislation, there may be a positive nongeneral fund revenue impact, as the license would be purchased in addition to a basic license and an archery license. 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.

The bill also requires the Board to amend its regulations to comply with the provisions of the proposed legislation. Any costs associated with this are anticipated to be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

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