

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** SB1083

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Ticer

**3. Committee**   Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title**           Remote hunting prohibited; penalty.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Prohibits operating, providing, selling, or using any device or service that allows a person, not physically present, to remotely control a firearm, weapon, or device to hunt any live animal or bird, or offering to do so. Violations are Class 1 misdemeanors and will result in revocation of any hunting license for between three and five years.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The bill establishes a new Class 1 misdemeanor penalty. The punishment for a Class 1 misdemeanor is confinement in jail for not more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. 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. Any impact the legislation may have on jail inmate population is unknown. 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, the court system, and local jails.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** HB 2273 is identical.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources