

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB6

House of Origin: ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House: ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Wright

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Military personnel; free hunting and fishing licenses

5. Summary/Purpose: Allows every resident of the Commonwealth who has served in an armed conflict or peacekeeping mission after September 11, 2001, to obtain all of the required hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, except special lifetime licenses, at no charge for one year.

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

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: Fiscal impact estimates are indeterminate, as it is not possible to determine the number of individuals who will be eligible for free licenses under the provisions of this bill.

The Department of Game and Inland fisheries currently issues seven types of licenses. If an individual, a resident of Virginia, were to obtain all seven licenses free of charge, it would result in a loss of \$119.00 (\$84.00 in Game revenue and \$35.00 in Federal Funds).

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: According to the Department of Military Affairs, there are currently 8,000 to 9,000 members of the Virginia National Guard.

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