

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: Appropriations

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

5. Summary/Purpose: Allows every Virginia resident who has served active duty in a military operation against terrorism, an armed conflict, or a peacekeeping mission after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of Virginia at the time he entered the armed services and at the time he applies for the licenses, to obtain a license to hunt, a license to fish, and/or a special license to hunt bear, deer, and turkey issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries 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 number of individuals who will avail themselves of any combination of the three free licenses to which he or she will be eligible under the provisions of this bill.

The provisions of this bill will allow certain individuals to obtain up to three types of licenses issued by the Department of Game and Inland fisheries free of charge for one year. If an individual were to obtain all three licenses free of charge, it would result in a loss of \$51.00 (\$36.00 in Game revenue and \$15.00 in Federal Funds) per individual.

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. The number of Virginia residents serving active duty in the military is unknown.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources