

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB981

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Lewis

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Federal funds for wildlife and fish restoration.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Authorizes the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to accept federal grant money related to the Pittman-Robinson Act (wildlife restoration) and the Wallop-Breaux Act (sport fish restoration).

6. No Fiscal Impact. See item 8, below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Interior has indicated to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, in its audit of these federal funds, that Virginia does not have the statutory authority within the Code of Virginia to accept these funds. According to the Department, without this legislative change, approximately \$8 million annually in Federal Funds could be revoked by the granting federal agencies.

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