

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1868

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Wittman

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Agent's fee for saltwater fishing licenses

5. **Summary/Purpose:** The substitute bill sets the commission fee for license agents who sell the saltwater recreational fishing license and the special combined sportfishing license at an amount equivalent to the amount established by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, except that the agent's fee shall be deducted from the license fee established by the Marine Resources Commission.

6. **Fiscal impact estimates are:** Preliminary.

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2007-08	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral
2008-09	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral
2009-10	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral
2010-11	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral
2011-12	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral
2012-13	(\$70,000)	n/a	Nongeneral

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** Currently, agents who sell licenses for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries receive \$1 per license sold, as approved by the Board of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in 2006. The same agents receive \$.50 per recreational saltwater fishing license sold for the Marine Resources Commission, as established by the Code of Virginia. The agents' fee is deducted from the price of each license as required by the Code of Virginia governing saltwater fishing licenses, and not added to the cost of license, as is the fee for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The substitute bill would result in \$1.00 for the agent's fee being deducted from the price of each saltwater license sold. This will result in a loss of \$70,000 in revenue to the Recreational Saltwater Fishing Fund. License agents sell approximately 140,000 saltwater fishing licenses a year for the Marine Resources Commission.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Marine Resources Commission,
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: The Recreational Saltwater Fishing License fee was increased by the Marine Resources Commission on January 1, 2006. The increase is estimated to generate \$750,000 annually, before the impact of this bill.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources