

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB1076

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2. **Patron** Ruff

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

4. **Title** Exemptions for disabled persons

5. **Summary/Purpose.** Authorizes the Department of Forestry and the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations that allow disabled persons increased access to hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities.

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

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact to the Department of Forestry (DOF) and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) would be minimal.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Departments of Forestry and Game and Inland Fisheries.

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

11. **Other comments:** DGIF and DOF currently make accommodations for disabled sportsmen. According to DOF, disabled sportsmen are permitted to drive trucks, but not all terrain vehicles (ATV's), on existing, but normally restricted roads, on the state forest properties. DGIF also provides for the use of vehicles.

Also, both agencies conduct special events for disabled hunters. Forestry conducts a series of ten special deer hunts yearly for disabled sportsmen at the New Kent Forestry Center. Game and Inland Fisheries offers special hunts for disabled hunters.

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Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.