

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB319

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cox

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Special fishing permit.**

5. Summary: Special fishing permit. Allows the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to permit any organized groups of patients residing in or receiving outpatient treatment from a veterans or military hospital in Virginia, an adjoining state, or the District of Columbia to fish without having to obtain licenses. They would be allowed to fish in any public waters including those stocked with trout. Currently, the Director can allow a group of persons residing in veterans hospitals to fish in state waters without a license but such a privilege does not extend to fishing in waters stocked with trout.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed bill may increase the number of individuals who may fish in public waters without first acquiring a fishing license and thereby reduce revenue received by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. However, any revenue loss is expected to be minimal and would not adversely impact agency operations. A budget amendment is not necessary.

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