

Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB263

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Retrieving hunting dogs.

5. Summary: Requires the revocation of the hunting license for the current and the next hunting seasons as well as the forfeiture of the firearm or bow and arrow of any person who is convicted of carrying such weapons on another person's property while he is retrieving his hunting dogs. The penalty for continuing to hunt during the period in which the license is revoked is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Also, the penalty for taking one's firearm or bow and arrow and going onto another person's property to retrieve one's hunting dogs is a Class 4 misdemeanor.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The penalty for a Class 2 misdemeanor is confinement in jail for not more than six months and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both. Therefore, this proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities **\$8.00** a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent **Jail Cost Report (November 2007)**, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged **\$28.42 per inmate per day in FY 2006."**

The penalty for a Class 4 misdemeanor is a fine of not more than \$250.

Such fines are deposited to the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Court system, local jails, state Compensation Board, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources
Secretary of Public Safety