

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1618

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Merricks

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Special hunting permits; issued to patients from veterans or military hospitals.**

5. Summary: The bill allows the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to permit any organized group of patients residing in or receiving outpatient treatment from a veterans or military hospital to hunt without having to obtain a license on any lands of the Commonwealth where it is otherwise legal to do so. Currently, the director may only issue a special permit to allow such a group of persons to fish without a license in the public waters of the Commonwealth.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: The fiscal impact is indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: If veteran or military hospital patients are exempted from having to obtain a hunting license then there may be a slight decrease in the number of licenses issued. The revenue impact of the decrease is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill has been incorporated with HB1666.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources