

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2223

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

**2. Patron:**    Lewis

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:**    Recreational saltwater license

**5. Summary:** The bill authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to charge nonresidents a higher fee to purchase saltwater recreational licenses than the amount paid by residents. The bill also authorizes the Commission to prohibit the sale of a private boat recreational fishing license to a nonresident whose boat is not registered in Virginia.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The fiscal impact is indeterminate. See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No, any necessary adjustment for additional nongeneral fund revenue may be made administratively.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Marine Resources Commission, in fiscal year 2008, a total of 21,125 of the various recreational saltwater fishing licenses were sold to nonresidents. Of this amount, 2,239 were sold to residents of Maryland, which has a reciprocal license agreement with Virginia. So, the bill will impact approximately 19,000 license purchasers.

The revenue from the higher purchase fees authorized by the bill cannot be determined at this time because the fee will be established by the Marine Resources Commission. The bill limits the fee to not greater than twice the Virginia resident fee.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources