

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2507

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Pollard

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** Refunds for saltwater fishing licenses

**5. Summary:** The engrossed bill requires the Marine Resources Commission to refund saltwater fishing licenses on a prorated basis if the license is no longer for sale due to fishery management purposes.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Marine Resources Commission, based on the language in the engrossed bill, the circumstances are extremely rare when a refund would be required. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' agents are responsible for the sale of most of the Marine Resources Commission's licenses. Development of refund procedures and capabilities will require coordination between the two agencies, system modifications, and additional information from license holders. According to the Marine Resources Commission, the administrative costs associated with refunding the license fees may exceed the amount of money being refunded, because the license fees are relatively low.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Marine Resources Commission, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources