Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB373					
	House of Origin	_	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute	X	Enrolled

- 2. Patron: Shuler
- **3.** Committee: Passed both houses.
- 4. Title: Hunting, trapping, and fishing; penalties.
- **5. Summary:** This bill states that courts may revoke licenses and privileges to hunt, trap, and fish upon the conviction of violations of laws and regulations related to those activities.
- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. No fiscal impact.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: None.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- **11. Other Comments:** Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months 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 presently 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 2009), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$32.66 per inmate, per day in FY 2008.

Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months 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 presently 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 2009), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$32.66 per inmate, per day in FY 2008

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