

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB192

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

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Passed both houses.

4. Title: Fisheries; nonresident harvester's license.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits the Marine Resources Commission from selling a commercial fishing license to a nonresident whose state of residence does not offer for sale the same or similar license to a resident of the Commonwealth.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill may decrease revenue only by the amount of revenue generated currently from the sale of commercial fishing licenses to non-residents other than Marylanders (Maryland is the only state that sells similar fishing licenses).

Based on agency licensing records, revenue generated from other states other than Maryland for the purchase of commercial fishing licenses is, as follows, for the last two years:

FY 2009: \$20,000 29 watermen, purchasing 100 commercial licenses

FY 2008: \$16,000 23 watermen, purchasing 94 commercial licenses

The average of this revenue may result in negative revenue impact of \$18,000. However, at this point, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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

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.

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