

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB243

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

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Fishing license exemption.**

5. Summary: This bill exempts active duty military personnel who are residents of the Commonwealth and on official leave from having to obtain a basic fishing license so long as they can show proof that they are on leave. Such an exemption does not extend to such persons to fish in waters stocked with trout.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a fiscal impact to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). This bill would result in the loss of license revenue. There will also be a loss of federal dollars which are allocated to DGIF based on the number of fishing licenses sold. The federal allocation is based on each state's land size and the number of revenue producing licenses sold. DGIF has calculated that each fishing license brings in \$25 of revenue (\$8.50 in federal and \$18.00 for the actual license). This calculation does not take into account military personnel. It is unknown at this time how many military persons currently have fishing licenses that would meet the requirements of the bill, and what the exact loss of revenue would be.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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