

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB12

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

2. Patron: Edmunds, J. E.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Boating; operator of a vessel to report accident to law enforcement, notification to DGIF, penalty.

5. Summary: This bill requires the operator of a vessel, if he is involved in an accident, to immediately report the accident to law enforcement and to notify the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. An operator who fails to provide the appropriate notice and report of the accident is subject to a Class 3 misdemeanor. The law-enforcement officer who receives the notice from the vessel's operator is required to immediately report the collision, accident, or other casualty to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no expectation of a fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. However, the legislation could result in additional revenue as the penalty of a Class 3 misdemeanor involves fines up to \$500. It is uncertain how much additional revenue would be collected from fines related to this legislation. All revenue collected from these fines is deposited to the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; state and local law enforcement officials.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB8 is similar to this bill.

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