

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB990

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

**2. Patron:** Morefield, J. W.

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

**4. Title:** Authorization of nonlethal control measures against elk.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides a nonlethal option to control elk causing damages to commercial agricultural production. Currently, § 29.1-529 A, Code of Virginia, only specifies mechanisms, both lethal and nonlethal, to control bear causing damage to commercial agricultural production. This proposed change would allow the director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) to authorize nonlethal control measures to handle elk causing such damage. In addition, the bill expands the definition of game animals in § 29.1-100, Code of Virginia, to include all members of the family Cervidae, which includes elk.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this legislation would have minimal to no fiscal impact. DGIF should be able to absorb any resulting costs.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 01/16/12

**Document:** G:\Legislation\2012 Session\HB990.DOC