

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB464

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

**2. Patron:** Northam, R. S.

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

**4. Title:** Hunting on Sundays.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows hunting on Sundays under certain conditions. These include (i) any person who hunts or kills raccoons prior to 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, and (ii) any person who hunts or kills any wild bird or wild animal, including nuisance species, with a gun, firearm or other weapon on Sunday (a) on private property, either as a landowner, the landowner's spouse or the children of the landowner, or with the written permission of the landowner, or (b) on the waters of the Commonwealth, only to the extent not prohibited by formal action of the Board.

The bill also provides that it shall be unlawful to hunt or kill (i) any wild bird or wild animal, including any nuisance species, on Sunday within 250 yards of a place of worship or any accessory structure or facility thereof or (ii) any deer on Sunday with the aid or assistance of dogs.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation adds another day to the hunting season's weeks. To enforce the provisions of the legislation, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries could hire additional conservation officers or authorize overtime, or redeploy the agency's current conservation officer staff. While expected to be minimal, the impact is indeterminate at this time.

**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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