

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1053

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

2. Patron: Wagner, F. W.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Boating safety education; exempts U.S. Navy surface warfare officers, etc.

5. Summary: This bill exempts United States Navy surface warfare officers or enlisted surface warfare specialists from having to pass a boating safety education course in order to operate a motorboat. The amended version, passed by the Senate, makes a minor technical change to the language.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. According to the agency, most of the boating education courses are conducted on-line, or by agency volunteers. Any savings resulting from the legislation will be negligible.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has stated that this bill may impact reciprocity agreements with other states. All states that have mandatory boater education requirements will accept the Virginia Boater Education Card. Exempting U.S. Navy surface warfare officers or enlisted surface warfare specialists may impact the ability of the officers to operate a motorboat in another state.

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