

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB176

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

5. Summary: This bill removes the jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to enforce fishing and boating laws in the waters of Back Bay, and the inlets and navigable waters in the Tidewater counties and cities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will have no significant fiscal impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF).

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: According to DGIF, while this amendment would prevent enforcement of boating safety, fishing, and game laws, the agency will still need to enforce boat titling and registration laws in the Tidewater region. There are more than 145,000 registered boats in the Tidewater region of Virginia, the owners of which are served by DGIF and its conservation police officers.

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