

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1175

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:** Farrell

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

4. **Title:** Special hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans.

5. **Summary:** This bill expands the special hunting and fishing license for totally disabled resident veterans to include fishing for trout in waters stocked by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and issuance of the Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. **Expenditure Impact:** N/A.

7b. **Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	n/a	n/a
2015	(\$22,866.69)	Game Protection Fund
2016	(\$27,316.09)	Game Protection Fund
2017	(\$32,631.26)	Game Protection Fund
2018	(\$38,980.64)	Game Protection Fund
2019	(\$46,565.49)	Game Protection Fund
2020	(\$55,626.20)	Game Protection Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will allow disabled veterans to receive free of cost a Resident Trout Fishing License (\$22.00), a South Holston Reservoir Fishing License (\$20.00), and a Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (\$9.00). According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the average number of lifetime disabled veteran license sales over the past three fiscal years is 357 and increasing at a rate of 19 percent each year. The resulting revenue loss is expressed in the table above. See other comments, below.

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

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

11. Other Comments: At the end of FY 2013, the available cash balance in the Game Protection Fund totaled \$28.9 million, an increase of 8 percent over the balance at the end of FY 2012. HB30/SB30 includes an additional \$4.6 million to be transferred to the Game Protection Fund for increased watercraft sales and use tax revenue and hunting, fishing, and wildlife equipment revenue. The total amount to be transferred to the Game Protection Fund is \$18.9 million in both FY 2015 and FY 2016.