

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB650

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

2. Patron: Ransone

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Boating safety course.

5. Summary: This bill exempts persons 45 years of age or older on July 1, 2014, from having to pass a boating safety education course in order to operate a motorboat, if they possess a currently valid motorboat registration certificate. The bill also exempts persons who hold various landings and aquaculture licenses and permits from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission from the requirements of the boater safety education course.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	N/A
2015	\$130,000	Motorboat And Water Safety Fund
2016	\$0	N/A
2017	\$0	N/A
2018	\$0	N/A
2019	\$0	N/A
2020	\$0	N/A

7b. Revenue Impact: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in an expenditure impact on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). The bill will require DGIF to update its regulations. According to DGIF, the provisions of the bill will also require the department to alter, reprint, and ship approximately 500,000 updated Freshwater Fishing and Watercraft Owner's Guides. Additionally, the department will need to alter boat titling and registration forms, student manuals, exams, and other informational materials. There are about 250,000 registered boat owners in the Commonwealth, all of which will need to be notified of the changes through direct mail communications. DGIF estimates that these actions will cost the agency about \$130,000 from the Motorboat And Water Safety Fund. However, the agency can absorb these costs within its current resources. No impact to the Marine Resources Commission is expected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to SB52 as introduced.