

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB857

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

2. Patron: Fariss

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; blaze orange clothing.

5. Summary: This bill requires that every muzzleloader deer hunter and every person accompanying a muzzleloader deer hunter wear a blaze orange hat or blaze orange upper body clothing, that is visible from 360 degrees during the special season for hunting deer with a muzzle-loading rifle only. The orange hat may have a bill or brim of a different color or design. The bill provides that these provisions shall not apply when any such person is physically located in a tree stand or other stationary hunting location.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No State Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a state fiscal impact. According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, most current muzzleloader license holders also participate in hunting activities during the general firearms season, where the requirement for blaze orange attire already exists. As such, the department does not believe this legislation will have any impact on its revenue stream. The department receives a portion of the sales tax generated from the sales of hunting equipment, auxiliary hunting equipment, fishing equipment, auxiliary fishing equipment, wildlife-watching equipment, and auxiliary wildlife-watching equipment in Virginia.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.