

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB413

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

**2. Patron:** Hanger

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses.

**4. Title:** Wildlife rehabilitators.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows persons authorized by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to provide care for wildlife as long as the care provided complies with the Department's regulations and permit conditions. The bill also clarifies the distinction between practicing veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators. Wildlife rehabilitators are individuals providing care for wildlife as defined in § 29.1-100 and who are in compliance with regulations and permit conditions established by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

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

**7. No State Fiscal Impact.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) or the Department of Health Professions (DHP). According to DGIF, the bill would apply to approximately 1,000 individuals who hold the specified permits. DHP has indicated that these individuals are not currently required to be licensed by the Board of Veterinarians. The bill clarifies current practice in statute.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.