

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB42-ER

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

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Fox or coyote; penalty for any person to erect or maintain an enclosure for purpose of hunting, etc.

**5. Summary:** Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to erect, maintain or operate an enclosure for the purpose of pursuing, hunting, or killing or attempting to pursue, hunt, or kill a fox or coyote with dogs. The bill permits foxhound training preserves in effect as of January 1, 2014, to continue to operate until July 1, 2054. The bill also limits the number of foxes that may be stocked to 900 per year and are to be disbursed based on the number of acres of each preserve of the total acreage of permitted foxhound training preserves statewide.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this bill, the bill could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2012 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2013), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$30.06 per state inmate, per day in FY 2012.

According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Law enforcement agencies statewide, local and regional jails, State Compensation Board, and Game and Inland Fisheries.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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