

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1461

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

2. Patron: Wagner

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Renewal of waterfowl blind licenses.

5. Summary: This bill exempts persons holding a waterfowl blind license for a blind located in Virginia Beach from the requirement to remove his blind when his license expires, if he notifies the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that he intends to renew the license. Licenses for blinds in Virginia Beach that have expired in 2014 and thereafter may be renewed by the license holder up to one year after such license expired. The bill requires that the licensee pay a late fee of \$75 for each license renewed.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a
2016	\$7,500	n/a	Game Protection Fund
2017	n/a	n/a	n/a
2018	n/a	n/a	n/a
2018	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020	n/a	n/a	n/a
2021	n/a	n/a	n/a

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	n/a	n/a
2016	\$1,125	Game Protection Fund
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2018	\$1,125	Game Protection Fund
2019	\$1,125	Game Protection Fund
2020	\$1,125	Game Protection Fund
2021	\$1,125	Game Protection Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). According to the department, the changes to the statute will require revisions to regulation booklets and other materials. These updated

materials will then need to be printed and shipped to the affected audience. DGIF estimates the costs associated with this work to be approximately \$7,500 in the first year. These costs can be absorbed within current resources.

Current regulation prohibits new blinds in Virginia Beach. In 2014, 265 waterfowl blind licenses were held in Virginia Beach. Out of this amount, 15 blinds expired with no renewal. Therefore, the number of licenses for this locality will remain at 265 or decrease because of expired licenses with no renewal. If there continues to be about five percent of lapsed licenses in this area, the department may receive \$1,125 in revenue each year as the bill provides for a \$75 late fee.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.