

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB995

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

2. Patron: Byron

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special license to track a wounded bear or deer with dogs.

5. Summary: Creates a special license to find a wounded or dead bear or deer with tracking dogs maintained and controlled on a lead. The license is available to a tracker who has been engaged by a licensed hunter to track a wounded or dead bear or deer and has permission to enter or hunt on the land on which the dogs will track. The bill authorizes a licensed tracker to have a weapon in his possession and to use it to humanely kill the tracked animal. Current law prohibits a tracker from having a weapon in his possession. The bill also requires the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish regulations pertaining to the new license and for the safe practice of tracking with dogs.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Any revenue or expenditure impacts the bill may have on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) are indeterminate. DGIF anticipates that this bill will increase the department's monitoring and reporting requirements and require additional training of Game staff.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.