

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1779

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

2. Patron: Bloxom

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Riparian planting ground; assignment eligibility.

5. Summary: This bill provides that the Commissioner of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) may assign only a riparian planting ground of up to one-half acre that the Commissioner deems appropriate to any owner of riparian land in the Commonwealth's oyster-growing area who applies for a new lease or a transfer lease of planting grounds. This measure eliminates fees for such assignments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. MRC anticipates a negligible but indeterminate reduction in general fund revenue resulting from the elimination of assignment fees.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.