

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB173

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

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Waterfowl blinds in locality where certain hunting prohibited.

5. Summary: This bill directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries not to license any stationary waterfowl blind in any area of Hunting Creek, Little Hunting Creek, or Dogue Creek in which the local governing body prohibits by ordinance the hunting of birds with a firearm

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a nominal fiscal impact for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), as it would require the agency to place a prohibition within its online system. Currently, DGIF partially relies on hunters to be aware of local regulations and ordinances when entering coordinates for their waterfowl blinds. As such, the agency's online system does not completely restrict coordinates.

In addition, DGIF has indicated that placing a prohibition within its online system would require development time and would require localities to notify the agency of any changes to ordinances in order to capture restricted areas.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is the companion to SB 435-S1.