

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2294

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

**2. Patron** Blevins

**3. Committee** Chesapeake and Its Tributaries

**4. Title** Term of fishing licenses

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill provides that recreational fishing licenses issued by the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) or the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) shall be valid for one year from their date of purchase, upon implementation of a point-of-sale licensing system by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Under current law, fishing licenses issued by both the commission and the department are valid from January 1, or the later date of purchase, and expire December 31 of the same year.

**6. No fiscal impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would have no fiscal impact during the 2000-2002 biennium. DGIF's target date for having the automated point-of-sale licensing system operational is July 2002 (FY 2003). DGIF estimates that fishing license sales would not decrease and any fiscal impact due to the timing of license purchases would be slight. MRC does not anticipate costs associated with implementing the bill for recreational saltwater fishing licenses, because the majority of these licenses are sold through DGIF agents.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Marine Resources Commission, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources

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