

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB3169

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron**        Barlow

3. **Committee**    Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title**            Special lifetime hunting and fishing license.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Allows resident veterans who have a service-connected disability to purchase a lifetime hunting and fishing license for \$5. Currently, this license is available to veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07	-	-	-
2007-08	-490,500	0	NGF
2008-09	-555,900	0	NGF
2009-10	-555,900	0	NGF
2010-11	-555,900	0	NGF
2011-12	-555,900	0	NGF
2012-13	-555,900	0	NGF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries estimates the bill could have a maximum negative revenue impact to the Game Protection Fund of \$490,500 during the first year of enactment and \$550,900 in subsequent years. The lifetime hunting and fishing license covers basic hunting, basic fishing (freshwater), the bear/deer/turkey (big game) license, archery, and muzzleloader; the combined annual cost of these resident licenses to the sportsman who engages in all of these activities is \$85.

The fiscal impact estimate assumes: (1) Virginia has 750,000 veterans; (2) 10.9 percent of these veterans have at least a 10 percent disability (81,750 veterans); (3) eight to 10 percent of these veterans, or 6,540, hunt and fish; and (4) these 6,540 veterans would have purchased each of the resident licenses discussed above would qualify for, and purchase, the resident disabled veterans license under the provisions of the bill.

The revenue loss in the first year is the difference between what these sportsmen would have paid for each of the separate resident licenses and what they would pay for the disabled veterans license. The revenue loss in subsequent years is the amount these sportsmen would

have paid annually for each of the separate resident licenses included in the lifetime resident disabled veterans license.

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

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Natural Resources