

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB617

House of Origin      X   Introduced        \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Engrossed

Second House        \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Enrolled

2. **Patron:**        Stolle

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. **Title:**         **Apprentice hunting license.**

5. **Summary:** Authorizes the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue an apprentice hunting license. This license would be issued in lieu of the current state resident or nonresident basic hunting license. It is a one-time license that expires one year from the date of purchase and does not require the licensee to complete a hunter education course. The fee for obtaining the license would be \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. The purpose of the bill is to extend limited hunting privileges to persons interested in learning about hunting sports.

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

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill establishes a new license – an apprentice hunting license. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) is authorized to charge a resident \$10 and a nonresident \$20 for this new license. The license is a one-time nonrenewable license. DGIF estimates that the bill may result in a slight revenue increase; however, the amount is indeterminate. DGIF is authorized to develop regulations to implement the provisions of the bill; any costs associated with the development of new regulations are expected to be minimal and absorbable. In addition, in order to implement the provisions of the legislation DGIF will need to modify its point-of-sale system. The costs associated with these modifications are also expected to be minimal and absorbable.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** HB1175 also authorizes the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue an apprentice hunting license. That bill is currently in the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources