

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1618

**House of Origin**      X   Introduced               Substitute               Engrossed

**Second House**               In Committee           Substitute               Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Merricks

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

**4. Title:**        **Special hunting permits; issued to patients from veterans or military hospitals.**

**5. Summary:** The bill allows the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to permit any organized group of patients residing in or receiving outpatient treatment from a veterans or military hospital to hunt without having to obtain a license on any lands of the Commonwealth where it is otherwise legal to do so. Currently, the director may only issue a special permit to allow such a group of persons to fish without a license in the public waters of the Commonwealth.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The fiscal impact is indeterminate.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** If veteran or military hospital patients are exempted from having to obtain a hunting license then there may be a slight decrease in the number of licenses issued. The revenue impact of the decrease is unknown.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources