

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1622

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

2. Patron: Knight

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Reckless operation of watercraft; paddleboards.

5. Summary: Reckless operation of watercraft; paddleboards. Clarifies that the current prohibition against the reckless operation of motorboats, skis, surfboards, or other devices includes the reckless operation of paddleboards and other self-propelled watercraft.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no material fiscal impact to the Marine Resources Commission. The bill may result in increased Class 1 misdemeanors for which there is an indeterminate fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications:

Although insufficient data exists to determine an accurate fiscal impact, the proposal nonetheless could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2009 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2010), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$33.01 per state inmate, per day in FY 2009.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Marine Resources Commission, Compensation Board, local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 1/17/2011