

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB311

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: Crockett-Stark

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, Natural Resources

4. Title: Open season for hunting bear.

5. Summary: This bill allows the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish an open bear hunting season. In addition, this bill provides that when the Board establishes an open season for the hunting of bear any legal hunting method, including the use of dogs, may be used for the entire season.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation establishes an open hunting season for bear. According to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the bill may require the shifting of staffing patterns of conservation police officers, but any fiscal impact is likely to be absorbed by the agency.

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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