

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB528

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: Garrett, T. A.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: Hunting and fishing license, special; for permanently disabled veterans to purchase.

5. Summary: This bill allows a veteran who is permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability to purchase a discounted freshwater fishing license, a hunting license, or a combined hunting and fishing license at a discounted rate. Currently, the only discounted license offered to qualifying veterans is the combined hunting and fishing license. A requirement of any hunting license is participation in a hunter education program. Further, this bill strikes the language specifying the cost of the combined hunting and fishing license.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from this legislation will be negligible and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries should be able to absorb any impact within its current resources. The current fee for the combined license is set at five dollars. It is uncertain what the fee will be for the discounted hunting-only license or the fishing-only license. While the bill removes the specific license amount from the code, this legislation does not authorize any new fees, nor does it establish authorities involving fees that the department does not already have.

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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