

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB683

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Black

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Tick control; Sunday hunting of deer and permits for application of acaricides.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes Sunday hunting of deer within the boundaries of any locality, upon a finding by the governing body of that locality that tick-borne Lyme disease constitutes a serious threat to public health within the locality and that reduction in the number of deer in the locality is necessary to control the spread of Lyme disease. Certification by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries that there is an overabundance of deer in the locality is required, as well as enactment of an ordinance authorizing hunting of deer on Sundays by the governing body of such locality.

This bill also directs the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to develop a pilot program for the issuance of permits for the application of host-specific acaricides to deer via four-poster devices, for the purpose of controlling the tick population and reducing the spread of tick-borne Lyme disease in Loudon County.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation adds another day to the hunting season's weeks. To enforce the provisions of the legislation, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries could hire additional conservation officers or authorize overtime, or redeploy the agency's current conservation officer staff.

In addition, the bill requires the department to develop a pilot program for the issuance of permits for the application of host-specific acaricides to deer via four-poster devices. According to the department, any impact is expected to be minimal.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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