

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1629

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

2. Patron: Knight, B. D.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Eel pots; authorizes Board of Game & Inland Fisheries to issue an annual permit to use in Back Bay.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue an annual permit to use eel pots in the waters of Back Bay and its tributaries. The annual permit fee to catch eels for commercial purposes is \$50 and the annual permit fee to take eels for personal use is \$17.50. The bill requires a nonresident to purchase a harvester's license for each boat used in taking eels at a cost of \$350 per boat, unless he already holds a nonharvester's license to take other types of finfish in inland waters. This fee is in addition to the permit fee for eel pots.

The amended version of the bill passed by the House adds the North Landing River as an area requiring a permit to use eel pots.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact to Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The department will have to develop regulations and/or a permitting process to carry out the provisions of the bill. The annual permit fee revenue generated from the required permits will most likely offset any administrative costs in processing the permits.

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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