

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2099

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" 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: Wilt, T. O.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Fur-bearing animals; landowner may trap, etc., upon his land during closed season if damaging.

5. Summary: This bill allows a landowner to trap or shoot muskrats and raccoons upon his own land during the closed season without having to obtain a kill permit from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, provided that the animals are causing damage to crops or property, posing a threat to human health or safety, or are otherwise causing a nuisance.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in modest savings for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Currently, permits are required by landowners to trap or kill muskrats and raccoons. These permits are provided free of charge to the landowner. According to the department, approximately 65 permits are processed per year. The department is responsible for the administrative costs associated with processing the permits. With this bill, the administrative burden on the agency is removed.

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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